

**THE GRAND CHAPTER
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Held in The Royal Connaught
Howard Johnson Hotel,
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
April 23rd, 24th, 25th, 1998

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Grand First Principal
12 Kingsview Boulevard
Brampton, Ontario
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Grand Scribe Ezra
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Hamilton, Ontario
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BIOGRAPHY

R Frank Russell

Personal:

Born - Weston, Ontario, January 4th, 1935
Son of Wesley and Nellie Russell
Educated in Brampton and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute
Married to Marion Victoria Rowntree, August 11th, 1962
One daughter - Andrea Victoria Russell
Two Sons - Todd Rowntree Russell and Jason Noble Russell
Owner and President of Frank Russell Services Limited;
Brampton Fuels, and Inglewood Fuels
Member of St. Paul's United Church, Brampton
Chairman and Governor, City of Brampton, "Sports Hall of Fame", 1988 to Present
Executive Member, Brampton Excelsior Lacrosse Club, 1959-1996
Member of the Brampton South Rotary Club

Masonic Symbolic:

1973 Initiated, Passed and Raised, Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton
1980 Charter Life Member, Anniversary Lodge No. 733, Brampton
Worshipful Master, Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton
1983 Life Member, Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton
1987 Charter Life Member, Chinguacousy Lodge No. 738, Brampton
1996 Appointed Grand Senior Deacon, The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Capitular Masonry:

1975 Exalted Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton
1981 Charter Member, Brampton Chapter No. 265, Brampton
1981 Member, Principals Association, Toronto Districts 8 and 8A
1981 Member of Executive Committee, Principals Association, Toronto District 8A
1982 First Principal, Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton
1985 Member, Toronto-Antiquity Chapter No. 91, Weston
1985 Grand Superintendent, Toronto District 8A
1986 President, Toronto Districts 8 and 8A Principals Association
1986-92 Chairman, Public Relations Committee, Grand Chapter R.A.M.
1987 Life Member, Tecumseth Chapter No. 264, Tottenham
1988 Appointed Grand Representative, Grand Chapter of the State of Delaware
1989 Appointed to the Grand Executive, The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario
1991 Appointed Honourary Member, Grand Executive Committee
1992 Elected Grand Third Principal
1994 Elected Grand Second Principal
1996 Elected Grand First Principal



Most Excellent Companion R. Frank Russell

Knights Templar:

1981 Cyrene Preceptory No. 29, Toronto

1983 Charter Life Member, Emmanuel Preceptory No. 83, Brampton

Cryptic Rite: Royal and Select Masters

1985 Honoured, Chosen, and Greeted, Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville

1986 Elevated, Etobicoke Lodge No. 17, Royal Ark Mariners

1998 Deputy Master Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville

Senior Warden, Etobicoke Lodge No. 17, Royal Ark Mariners

York Rite College:

1988 Athelstan York Rite College No. 41, Toronto

1996 Order of the Purple Cross

Red Cross of Constantine:

1986 Holy Land Conclave No. 3, Toronto

1988 Charter Member, Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34, Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, Etobicoke

1997 Most Puissant Sovereign, Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite:

1975 Toronto Lodge of Perfection

1976 Toronto Chapter Rose Croix

1976 Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton

Sundry:

1979 Member of Rameses Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. , Toronto

1979 Member, Peel Shrine Club, Brampton

1993 Order of the High Priesthood, Unity Council No. 4, Midland

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The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held at The Royal Connaught-Howard Johnson Hotel, Hamilton, Ontario, on April 23rd, 24th & 25th, 1998.

M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell

Grand First Principal

R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner

Grand Second Principal

R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill

Grand Third Principal

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett

M.Ex.Comp. William S Thomson

M.Ex.Comp. Aube L Weisman

M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart

M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe

M.Ex.Comp. Albert A Mortlock

M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt

M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline

M.Ex.Comp. G Robert Jackson

M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED 1997 - 1998

R.Ex.Comp. M John Moor	Grand Chaplain
R.Ex.Comp. John E Oldham	Grand Treasurer
R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke	Grand Scribe Ezra
R.Ex.Comp. William G Birnie	Grand Scribe Nehemiah
R.Ex.Comp. Angus Gabriel Fudge	Grand Principal Sojourner
R.Ex.Comp. Edward Lionel Burns	Grand Registrar
R.Ex.Comp. James W Reid	Grand Historian
V.Ex.Comp. R Glen Harvey	Grand Archivist

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS 1997-1998

R.Ex.Comp. John W Murphy	St. Clair District No. 1
R.Ex.Comp. James A Finch	London District No. 2
R.Ex.Comp. Clifford Sly	Wilson District No. 3
R.Ex.Comp. Harold Stump	Wellington District No. 4
R.Ex.Comp. Stewart Rhodes	Hamilton District No. 5
R.Ex.Comp. William H Arnold	Huron District No. 6
R.Ex.Comp. Bernard L Nehring	Niagara District No. 7
R.Ex.Comp. W Eric Dickie	Toronto District No. 8
R.Ex.Comp. Gordon James Carr	Toronto District No. 8A
R.Ex.Comp. Gary Jennings	Georgian District No. 9
R.Ex.Comp. Andrew McKay Skilling	Ontario District No. 10
R.Ex.Comp. William A Robison	Prince Edward District No. 11
R.Ex.Comp. Roland A Paddle	St. Lawrence District No. 12
R.Ex.Comp. John G Pell	Ottawa District No. 13
R.Ex.Comp. Alan McGregor Tibbetts	Algoma District No. 14
R.Ex.Comp. Douglas Ball	New Ontario District No. 15
R.Ex.Comp. William Denis Amendola	Temiskaming District No. 16

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - HONOURARY

R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd B Gillespie	R.Ex.Comp. Malcolm MacKenzie
R.Ex.Comp. J Max Laushway	R.Ex.Comp. B Donald Lamont
R.Ex.Comp. Hugh M Dunlop	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ELECTED (1996)

R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth J Lowery	R.Ex.Comp. Harold G Hubbell
R.Ex.Comp. Richard Jackson	R.Ex.Comp. Charles Meldrum
R.Ex.Comp. Malcolm W Watling	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ELECTED (1997)

R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk	R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford
R.Ex.Comp. Brian R Simpson	R.Ex.Comp. David A Rogers
R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - (APPOINTED 1996)

R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour	R.Ex.Comp. Richard W Stevenson
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - (APPOINTED 1997)

R.Ex.Comp. E Roy Harrison

V.Ex.Comp. Shayne H Eldridge

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario was opened in Ample Form at 9:00 a.m.

The Grand First Principal announced that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing and properly vouched for, would now be welcomed.

After admitting all Companions, the Grand First Principal welcomed all present at the One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Convocation.

Distinguished Guests - Introduced by R.Ex.Comp. Donald Emerick

British Columbia and the Yukon	R.Ex.Comp. Joseph R Marshall	G.K.
Newfoundland	R.Ex.Comp. William J Baldwin	G.K.
Nova Scotia	M.Ex.Comp. Robert R Royle	G.H.P.
Quebec	M.Ex.Comp. Clifford H Parfett	G.F.P.
Connecticut	M.Ex.Comp. Stephen D Piner	P.G.H.P.
Delaware	M.Ex.Comp. Haywood I Buck Jr	G.H.P.
Illinois	R.Ex.Comp. J Donald Saterlee	G.C.
Maine	R.Ex.Comp. Davis Couture	G.K.
New Hampshire	M.Ex.Comp. Roger Douillette Sr	P.G.H.P.
New York	M.Ex.Comp. Edward Newsham	G.H.P.
Ohio	R.Ex.Comp. James E Foreman	P.D.D.G.H.P.
Pennsylvania	M.Ex.Comp. Norman E. Flaherty	G.H.P.
Order of the High Priesthood	M.Ex. High Priest Bernard L LoPatriello	Grand President
Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada	M.III.Kt.Comp. Clark S Brooks	Grand Sovereign
Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of Ontario	M.III.Comp. Larry J Hostine	M.III. Grand Master
York Rite Sovereign	M.Pre.Dist.Bro. Donald A King	Gov'n General
College of North America		
Supreme Council 33°	Ill.Bro. Norman E Byrne 33°	Lt.Grd.Comm
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite		

The Grand First Principal greeted the Distinguished Guests and those Companions who accompanied them, individually, as they were presented and welcomed them warmly. They were then escorted to their seats by the Grand Second and Grand Third Principals. Grand Honours were accorded the guests led by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Most Worshipful Brother William T. Anderson, the Grand Master of The Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, was presented in the West where he was formally and warmly received by Most Excellent Companion Russell. Following Grand Honours he was escorted to his seat on the dias by the Grand First Principal.

The Grand First Principal called upon the Grand Chaplain for the Invocation.

INVOCATION BY THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

O God, great Architect, most holy Jehovah, we your humble servants gather in this place to conduct the business of this Grand Convocation of our Royal Arch Grand Chapter. We give you thanks that we can come together once again as Companions and friends, from the far reaches of this our Grand Chapter, and beyond from sister Grand Chapters. As we proceed with the business which shall come before us during these two days, we ask that you will guide, bless and strengthen our Grand First Principal who will lead us in these sessions, and also those Officers who will assist him in the business. As we are being guided by them, endue each of us with a share of your Holy Spirit that we may listen, respond and decide accordingly. And having participated, may we all go from this place with your blessing, assured of your guidance as we carry out our work done in your name. AMEN.

FLAG CEREMONY AND ANTHEMS

The flags of Canada and the United States of America were presented at the Altar and placed in the East, following which the National Anthems of both countries were sung.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir, Distinguished Guests and Companions:

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep. Then God said: "Let there be light", and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. (Genesis 1:1-4a) The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1) If I say: Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night; even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for the darkness is as light to you. (Psalm 139:11-12) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. (Isaiah 9:2) And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light and they will reign forever and ever. (Revelation 22:5)

PRAYER OF APPROACH

O Thou great Jehovah, we gather today to praise you and to give thanks for your creation of each of us and your care for us throughout our lives. We thank you for giving us the light of the day, a light on our way throughout dark nights, light of the mind that helps us grow in knowledge of the world and of you. Particularly today we praise and thank you for those who have entered into their eternal home, a home in heaven not made with hands. Help us to remember the light they were for us on our Masonic journey. We pray in your great name, O God Most High. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture Psalm 139:1-12, 17-18 - Christian Scripture Matthew 5:13-16

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Today we remember those who have passed to the Grand Chapter above during 1997: 308 members of our Grand Chapter, including twenty-two Right Excellent Companions, seventeen Very Excellent Companions, fifty-two Excellent Companions and two hundred and seventeen Companions. We also remember one Past Grand First Principal, three Past Grand High Priests and two Past or Present Secretaries of jurisdictions beyond our Grand Chapter.

DECEASED PAST GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 1997

COMPANION

R.Ex.Comp. John Nelson Aldridge

R.Ex.Comp. Bryan Cyril Alford

R.Ex.Comp. Roy Lance Ernest Ballard

R.Ex.Comp. Chesley Robert Burton

R.Ex.Comp. Wallace Harry Downer

R.Ex.Comp. Harry Sloan Ewing

R.Ex.Comp. Frederick Grigg

R.Ex.Comp. Arthur Stanley Haley

R.Ex.Comp. Edwin Ernest Hayes

R.Ex.Comp. Wallace Layte

R.Ex.Comp. Mossman R. Leishman

R.Ex.Comp. Edward Hugh Logan

R.Ex.Comp. Harry Loomer

R.Ex.Comp. Eric A. Luke

R.Ex.Comp. James Cecil Lauren McKeand

R.Ex.Comp. Chester James Miller

R.Ex.Comp. Clifford M. Platten

R.Ex.Comp. Frederick John Putt

R.Ex.Comp. Murray Henry Riehl

R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth Reginald Shore

R.Ex.Comp. Frederick Markham South

R.Ex.Comp. Clifford Whalen

V.Ex.Comp. Jack Vincent Baker

V.Ex.Comp. Raymond Albert Barker

V.Ex.Comp. Reginald Clancy Dawson

V.Ex.Comp. Albert Edward Dickinson

CHAPTER, LOCATION and NUMBER

Caledonia No. 236, Caledonia

Manitou No. 27, Collingwood
and Oakwood No. 233, Markham

Ionic No. 168, Campbellford

Brant-Mount Horeb No. 20, Brantford

Manitou No. 27, Collingwood

Warkworth No. 110, Warkworth
and Presqu'ile No. 144, Brighton

Regal-Ezra No. 23, Simcoe

St. John's No. 103, North Bay

Bruce-Sombra No. 53, Petrolia
and Sombra No. 153, Wallaceburg*

Abitibi No. 223, Iroquois Falls
Ottawa No. 222, Ottawa

and Mexico Chapter, Mexico, New York
Wellington-MacNabb No. 147, Chatham

and Bruce-Sombra No. 53, Petrolia
and Erie-Blenheim No. 73, Ridgetown

Mount Sinai No. 212, Richmond Hill

Brant-Mount Horeb No. 20, Brantford

Willson No. 64, Welland

Shuniah No. 82, Thunder Bay

York No. 62, Leaside*

and Orient No. 79, Toronto

Nilestown No. 247, Nilestown

University No. 241, Thornhill

Espanola No. 257, Espanola

Harris No. 41, Ingersoll

Temiskaming No. 169, Haileybury

Niagara No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake
and White Oak No. 104, Oakville

Manitou No. 27, Collingwood

Mount Sinai No. 44, Napanee

Oxford No. 18, Woodstock

V.Ex.Comp. Lester T. Fisher
 V.Ex.Comp. Gerald Henry Gilmer
 V.Ex.Comp. Albert Richmond Hill
 V.Ex.Comp. Albert George Lennox
 V.Ex.Comp. John M. Martin
 V.Ex.Comp. George Stanley Parke
 V.Ex.Comp. George Stanley Pigden

V.Ex.Comp. William E. Pomeroy
 V.Ex.Comp. Cyril Arthur Roberts

V.Ex.Comp. Robert Hugh Smith
 V.Ex.Comp. George Tucker
 V.Ex.Comp. George Vander Vaart
 V.Ex.Comp. Charles West

Erie-Blenheim No. 73, Ridgetown
 Sussex-St. Lawrence No. 59, Brockville
 Victoria No. 205, Thornhill
 Port Credit No. 230, Port Credit
 Peel No. 195, Brampton
 Caledonia No. 236, Caledonia
 Madoc No. 161, Madoc*
 and Prince of Wales No. 226, Perth
 The St. Patrick No. 145, Newmarket
 Palestine No. 54, St. Thomas
 and Aylmer No. 81, Aylmer
 Manitou No. 27, Collingwood
 Nilestown No. 247, Nilestown
 Maitland No. 68, Kemptville
 St.George's No. 5, London

and Quinte Friendship Moira No. 7, Belleville
 (NOTE: * Chapter no longer working)

DECEASED PRESENT AND PAST GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

COMPANION

M.Ex.Comp. Raymond E. Adams
 M.Ex.Comp. Mac C. Harwick
 M.Ex.Comp. Richard R. Holmes
 M.Ex.Comp. Winfield P. Kraft
 M.Ex.Comp. James Y. Scallion
 R.Ex.Comp. Robert C. Hople

RANK

P.G.H.P. (1989-1990)
 P.G.H.P. (1977-78)
 P.G.H.P. (1972-73)
 P.G.Secretary (1975-88)
 P.G.F.P. (1991)
 Grand Secretary

JURISDICTION

Pennsylvania
 Pennsylvania
 New Jersey
 Pennsylvania
 Quebec
 South Carolina

We name them, give thanks for the light that they shed throughout their years, cherish their memories in our hearts, and extend our sympathy to their families, their Chapters and Grand Chapters. May they rest in peace, their tools laid aside for evermore.

MEDITATION

At the beginning of this our Grand Convocation, we pause in solemn quietness to remember our Companions, near and far, who have died during this past year 1997. I realize that some of the names which we read are more than just names for some of you, for they were truly your companions and close friends along your Masonic path. Their passing brings a personal regret and sadness to your heart and soul.

A year ago in my memorial meditation, I introduced to you a special symbol, a candle with its flickering light, a light which burned throughout our 1997 session. I would like to return to that same symbol by having the memorial candle lit again, and to have it continue to burn during this convocation. In using it, I would like to remind you all of another aspect of the symbol of light. We light this candle in memory of all of our Companions who have passed to their eternal reward in the Temple not made with hands. (Candle lit).

As you know, light is a powerful and important element and tool in our lives, for it lights up our world, our communities, our homes and offices, even our places of worship and our Lodge rooms (... or fails to do so as we in eastern Ontario and Quebec discovered recently during "Ice Storm '98"!). Such light comes from a variety of sources: the light bulb, flashlights, and candles, to name a few. Without such light, darkness descends, providing a time for rest but also producing a feeling of isolation and fear. Yet we often refer to light in psychological and spiritual ways, the light of our minds and hearts, the light that we are to others. From our religious training, we know that both Jews and Christians add to that repertoire of light by saying that God and Christ are lights for our lives.

"God is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1) Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." (John 8:12) But Jesus added to the image by challenging his listeners. "You are the light of the world. ... Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (John 5:14a, 16) Although Jesus was suggesting that his followers be "light(s) of the world", we as Masons can use the same admonition in our work with each other and with those beyond the Lodge or Chapter. Indeed we can be "lights" to others as we attempt to portray "the ideal of a Freemason."

Those that we remember today were such "lights". As they strove to live masonic ideals, they gave their light to all around them. Sometimes their light was shared quietly on the side benches or at the festive table. Sometimes their light was to give leadership in their Chapter, their District and their Grand Chapter, sharing their ability and wisdom through sound judgement and able example. Undoubtedly they also shared their light in their communities and places of employment, and were loved for their light in their families.

During the past year, their light went out. For some that extinguishing of the light came suddenly as a breeze snuffs out our candle. For others their candle flickered for weeks or even months. For still others the darkness came as a relief after a long illness. But the light that they were will never go out in our hearts and minds, just as you will never forget this candle which burns in our midst. They shall long be remembered for their contribution in their Chapter, their fine ritual work, their laughter at the festive board, their warm handshake, even their sometimes stern admonition when we needed to be corrected.

Companions: We pause, we remember, and we give thanks for these our Companions, as we give thanks to God our Light. "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

MEMORIAL PRAYER

Companions, please rise. Let us pray. O God Most High, the great Architect and Geometrician of the world, we thank you for giving us life and for caring for us throughout our lives. We remember with thanksgiving those whom we have remembered today. We thank you for their gifts of wisdom, their guidance and help, their love and friendship. For whatever you were able to accomplish through their lives, we give you thanks. For them, suffering and death has past and they have entered into that place, not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens. We pray for those whom they have left behind: widows, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, other relatives and many friends.

Be their light upon their way through the dark days ahead. Finally we pray for ourselves. May we take the lessons they have taught, enabling us to model our lives after theirs, and to become better men as well as better Royal Arch Masons. AMEN.

BLESSING

May the blessing of the Great Jehovah be with you all, now and forever more. AMEN.

GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

M.Ex.Comp. R. Frank Russell called upon Most Worshipful Brother William T. Anderson to bring greetings from The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Companion Russell, Distinguished Guests and Companions

First I would wish this Grand Chapter on behalf of The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario most prosperous success in these sessions and we wish you well in the future.

Companions, we are a family, we are first of all a Masonic family and the Grand Chapters members are an important part of that family. We all have an important message and important duties for the cause of Masonry not only in this jurisdiction but throughout the world. It is a great delight to me to see the cooperation that is extended between this Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge. The cooperation in the administrations, the cooperation in fellowship and fraternal relations is most gratifying. I was most taken with your Memorial Service today and I couldn't help but note the reference to the light that we give forth. We have been admonished for years to take our light out from underneath the bushel so that the world may be conscious of who we are, what we are and what we stand for. My Companions, this bushel is being gradually removed but with that removal we have a tremendous responsibility, that responsibility is to show our light in its purest form to the public and to the citizens of our country. I might point out to you that we are now at the cusp of a great revolution in our world of North America and perhaps beyond. We are now in the era where that great large generation called the "baby boomers" are now into the mid-life crisis of life. This is the time that those people are saying to themselves, "is this all there is to life?" Is materialism our ultimate goal? If it is, we do not have much to live for. They are now realizing that if they have not reached the ultimate goal that they perceived, they probably never will and they are looking for other areas to put their energies. They are looking to be of service to their fellow man. My Brethren, this generation is the largest generation that this continent has ever experienced. It is the best educated generation that this continent has ever experienced and I might say is the most intelligent generation that this continent has every experienced. So, my Companions, we have a great responsibility to let our light shine in its purest form because this generation is not going to be schilled by a few fast words.

They are going to look and they are going to study and they are going to make up their mind and buy in only if they are convinced that this is what they want and when they do buy in, they want to make sure that they are able to take ownership and become involved in a meaningful way. You, my Brethren, have a great responsibility because within the next decade we will have more inquiries about Masonry and ultimately all bodies of our family and we must be prepared to service those inquiries.

I already ascertained that those Lodges that have prepared and are ready to meet the on slot, if you will, are prospering and there is a swelling of their membership, a swelling that we haven't seen for the last forty years but it is coming, my Brethren, and you and I must be prepared. It's not a surface problem, it is not a surface subject, we have to look at what we do, how we present ourselves to the public and to society in general in a positive manner and to do that we must be genuine about it because, as I said before, this generation that is coming to us now are not going to be schilled, they are going to be looking very quietly and very seriously at our example and I know that you, my Companions in this room, are the leaders of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and I know that you can take this message to your membership and if you are successful, you will be successful in your Chapter, we will be successful in all Lodges and Masonry will flourish and go into the next millennium in a high, positive note. I know that you will meet the challenge. I am very pleased to be part of that challenge and I wish you the most success in the future.

Thank you so much for allowing me to be here.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

Grand Chapter was called off at 10:30 a.m. for a space of time required to receive the Mayor of the City of Hamilton, Mayor Robert M Morrow to bring greetings of the City.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON

M.Ex.Comp. Russell called upon the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.Ex.Comp. Brian E. Keighley to introduce the Mayor of the City of Hamilton

Most Excellent Sir, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Mr. Robert M. Morrow, his Worship the Mayor of the Steel City of Hamilton.

Your Worship, Mr. Morrow, thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to be with us and to bring greetings to us from the fine City of Hamilton. You and I have something in common - I spent nineteen years in the municipal field in the City of Brampton and I know the busy times that you have and I thank you, Sir, for being with us this morning.

Well thank you very much Grand First Principal, distinguished Masons, dear friends It is an honour to be here with you and I gather it is seven years since you were last gathering here. I see familiar faces in the audience who I know will be welcoming you warmly, although it seems a little clammy in here perhaps a warm welcome isn't as required - it is due to the systems getting changed over, but we are actually delighted.

I cannot claim to be a Mason but I claim to be an admirer of all that is part of Freemasonry having come from a long line of them in my background - father, grandfather, great grandfather, etc. It was always something that was a part of the family and a matter of great pride and something that seemed quite natural to do as indeed we are proud of the Masons of Hamilton and the contribution is very, very significant in many different areas of activity. Masons are still the stalwarts of the community, they are looked to for leadership and they play a very significant role in community life so I know the same is true in all of your communities whether in this country or in the United States, wherever you are from, and I commend you for it.

Should there be anything that you need during the few hours you are in town and we hope that you can come back again as a group in the future and certainly individually as well, my phone number is in the book and please phone me if there is something you need. I have been Mayor sixteen years, I always make that offer, I have only been phoned four times and they were all very easy things to accommodate, so I never worry about a barrage of phone calls but I am serious, if there is something that hasn't gone quite right or something you want to complain about or something you need, please do just that.

So thank you for coming, we are honoured by your presence here and trust all the proceedings will go well and once again a very warm welcome to the City of Hamilton.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON

At 10:35 am The Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call Grand Chapter on.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

The Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell called on R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra, to call the roll of the Past Grand First Principals and for them to assemble in the West.

M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett	Grand First Principal	1961-62
M.Ex.Comp. William S Thomson	Grand First Principal	1974-75
M.Ex.Comp. Aube L Weisman	Grand First Principal	1978-79
M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart	Grand First Principal	1982-83
M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe	Grand First Principal	1984-85
M.Ex.Comp. Albert A Mortlock	Grand First Principal	1986-87
M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt	Grand First Principal	1988-89
M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline	Grand First Principal	1990-91
M.Ex.Comp. G Robert Jackson	Grand First Principal	1992-93
M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker	Grand First Principal	1994-95

To the Distinguished Companions whose names were just called and are present with us this morning, thank you Most Excellent Sirs for being with us at this the 140th Annual Convocation. I do cherish your attendance and I sure cherish your support and your kind remarks as I lead this Grand Chapter for another year and to more successes. Your ongoing support is sincerely appreciated, not only by myself but also by the Grand Council.

Grand Director of Ceremonies will you lead the Companions in Grand Honours.

M.Ex.Comp. Alan F. Walker: " Most Excellent Sir, it is indeed a distinct privilege for me to respond on behalf of my Distinguished colleagues. I do not classify myself with Most Excellent Companion Charles W Emmett as the Senior Senator of our group. I do however, miss the presence of those who are not here this morning to be with us to enjoy this Grand Chapter Convocation. We thank you for your sincere warm welcome and we assure you that we are here and ready to serve this Grand Chapter at all times".

Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell called upon R.Ex.Comp. Stewart Rhodes to give the:

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Most Excellent Companion, the Grand First Principal of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Most Worshipful Brother William T. Anderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Distinguished East, Guests and Companions:

On behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of Hamilton District No. 5 I extend a hearty welcome to our visitors. As members of Royal Arch Masonry you have often heard the word "welcome". Today we hope to give it new significance, coming as it does from the hearts and minds of our members, who deem it a privilege to greet you. We sincerely wish that you will be as happy in being with us as we are in having you.

Our most grateful appreciation goes to our chairman R.Ex.Comp. Robert Norsworthy and his Grand Convocation Committee for making this an enjoyable and productive occasion. These Companions have worked long and hard towards that end, and deserve a vote of thanks from all gathered here today.

I recommend to our visitors that they take a tour of Hamilton and District, as there are some beautiful sights to be seen in this area. The view from the mountain brow is spectacular; and a walk along Confederation Park is worth the effort. I am sure that if you ask our local Companions they will be glad to direct you to the various points of interest. Whatever your interests I am sure you will find something to your liking in the Hamilton area, and I hope you enjoy your stay and have a safe journey home.

Stewart M. Rhodes, Grand Superintendent, Hamilton District No. 5

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVOCATION

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Third Principal that the proceedings of the 139th Grand Convocation held in Kingston, Ontario, on Friday the 11th of April and Saturday the 12th of April 1997, having been printed and copies sent to all Chapters in the Jurisdiction, and the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same now be confirmed. CARRIED.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Third Principal that the order of business of the Annual Convocation be changed at the discretion of the Grand First Principal. CARRIED.

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Third Principal that R.Ex.Comp. Eric Simon be confirmed as Chairman of the Credentials Committee with power to form his own Committee as approved by the Grand First Principal. CARRIED.

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Third Principal that R.Ex.Comp. Eric Simon be confirmed as Chairman of the Scrutineer's Committee with the power to form his own Committee as approved by the Grand First Principal. CARRIED.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, asked the Grand Scribe Ezra to call the Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions near our Grand Body, and asked them to answer the call and assemble on the north and south sides of the Altar.

COUNTRY OF JURISDICTION

REPRESENTATIVE

Alabama	Verne E Young
Alaska	Harry S Smith
Alberta	Albert A Mortlock
Argentina	Lawrence Halliday
Arizona	Murray Levinter
Arkansas	John V Lawer
British Columbia	M Sheldon Boomhour
California	David A Rogers
Colorado	Bert A Mennie
Connecticut	David W Laskey
Delaware	R Frank Russell
District of Columbia	Robert S Wylie
Finland	Aage Bjerknæs
Florida	Alan F Walker
France	Russell H Sills
Georgia	Frederick C Garvin
Germany	Guenther H Gahs
Greece	Sandy Glasgow
Idaho	Guy G Deavu
Illinois	Melvyn J Duke
India	Malcolm W Watling
Indiana	R Allan Cadwallader
Iowa	T Bilardino Segui
Ireland	Wm J Boston
Israel	Eric Laiken
Kansas	Ralph W Hurst
Kentucky	Brian E Keighley
Louisiana	Edward S P Carson
Maine	Henry E Winslow
Manitoba	Ian Montague
Maryland	David G Walker
Massachusetts	Sven Nielsen
Michigan	Donald F Kline
Minnesota	John Williams
Mississippi	James W Reid
Missouri	Percy MacGregor

Montana	Larry J Hostine
Nebraska	William Klapatiuk
Netherlands	Ronald McClung
Nevada	Gordon T Ferguson
New Brunswick	Malcolm MacKenzie
Newfoundland	Donald J Gent
New Hampshire	Percy Barr
New Jersey	Aube Weisman
New Mexico	Alton Roy
New South Wales	Edward W Elcombe
New York	Charles Meldrum
New Zealand	Glenson T Jones
North Carolina	Donald J Emerick
North Dakota	Murray Agnew
Nova Scotia	Clarence Faulkner
Ohio	Clifford J Meunier
Oklahoma	William Hoffman
Oregon	Alan A Foote
Pennsylvania	Wilson S Anderson
Phillippines	David C Hill
Quebec	Charles W Emmett
Queensland Australia	Gilbert G Fowlow
Rhode Island	John W McGill
Saskatchewan	Richard Stevenson
Scotland	WS Thomson
South Africa	Leslie Levitt
South Australia	B Donald Lamont
South Carolina	George Gifford
South Dakota	M John Moor
Switzerland	James A R Shaw
Tennessee	Gordon W Hotham
Texas	C Gordon Sinclair
Utah	John Post
Vermont	Edward G Ounjian
Victoria (Australia)	Harold G Hubbell
Virginia	Dale Plant
Washington	Donald Gilles
Western Australia	John S Murdock
West Virginia	Harry D Turner
Wisconsin	James M Napier
Wyoming	Donald A King

To you Most Excellent, Right Excellent and Very Excellent Companions. It is a pleasure to extend to you our sincere welcome. In the Grand Representative system, you have an important duty in establishing and maintaining good Fraternal relations of this Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter from whom you have received your Commission.

I thank you sincerely for carrying out those duties with zeal, and congratulate each of you on your dedication to Royal Arch Masonry. Most Excellent Companion, R Frank Russell called on the Grand Director of Ceremonies to lead in Grand Honours.

REPORT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

On behalf of the Distinguished Service Awards Committee, I have the happy privilege of presenting to you the names of certain dedicated Companions - for your consideration - to receive the Distinguished Service Award. They are recommended to this Committee by the Officers and Members of their respective Chapters, who believe them to be worthy of this important Award.

They are:

Companion Donald A. Wilson
Companion George S. Donnelly
Companion William Keith
Companion William A. Leonard
Companion Gary L. Shaver

St. John's Chapter No. 3, London
Wawanosh Chapter No. 15, Sarnia
King Cyrus Chapter No. 232, Toronto
Port Credit Chapter No. 230, Mississauga
Ottawa Chapter No. 222, Ottawa

Fraternally and sincerely submitted, M.Ex.Comps. Leslie Levitt, Chairman, G Robert Jackson and Donald F Kline.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner, seconded by M.Ex.Comp. Donald F. Kline that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Most Excellent The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

My Companions: I welcome you to this the 140th Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario and thank you for attending to your annual Royal Arch Masonic duties. It is a great pleasure to see so many familiar faces, and to observe that our ranks are being replenished by new and eagerly well-skilled Companions. I extend my personal fraternal greetings to each of you. Your enthusiastic and positive involvement is required and appreciated.

The past twelve months have passed very quickly and I thank those Companions who offered their supportive attendance on my visits to Royal Arch Chapters. Your true spirit of harmony, friendship and Masonic fellowship was evident at all times, and I will always remember the opportunities and privileges afforded me to serve as your Grand First Principal.

We are assembled once more in harmony and concord to review not only the passing of time, but also to consider in a positive mood the many events of the past twelve months. Let each of us during this Convocation renew friendships and acquaintances, and then continue our fraternal Brotherly love in the months ahead.

I extend appreciation for the many courtesies extended to me by Right Excellent Companion Stewart M. Rhodes, Grand Superintendent Hamilton District No. 5, and the leadership and administrative skills of our Grand Convocation Chairman Right Excellent Companion Robert Norsworthy. The 1998 Convocation Committee has shown a high degree of efficiency, and their competence is quite evident to all here assembled. I thank them for being so helpful and proficient.

I acknowledge the presence of the Grand First Principals and Grand High Priests representing Sister Jurisdictions of Canada. I also most-heartedly welcome the Grand High Priests, Grand Kings, Grand Scribes and companions of our Sister Jurisdictions from our great and friendly neighbor the United States of America. May your visit with us be an enjoyable and successful experience.

A friendly Masonic greeting is extended to the visiting Representatives of those Sovereign bodies who are with us at this time. We are strengthened by the bonds of friendship, companionship and the fraternity which we share together. I trust that your stay with us will be most pleasant and enjoyable.

It is my pleasure and privilege to recognize Excellent Companion and Most Worshipful Brother William T. Anderson, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and to express a very warm welcome to you, and to offer my appreciation for your kindness in attending our 140th Convocation. I would also add that this Grand Chapter re-affirms its loyalty and allegiance to you, Most Worshipful Sir.

In the first year of your tenure as Grand Master of our Grand Lodge, you have provided strong leadership to our gentle Craft. Your contributions have been of great benefit to all bodies of Masonry, and I appreciate those occasions when you and I had the opportunity to attend Masonic functions together, those being the 123rd annual Session, Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in September 1997 in Barrie, Ontario; the International Plowing Match at Ivy, Ontario on September 18th, 1997 at which time the Public Relations Committee of Grand Chapter set up a Royal Arch Masonry display in concert with other Masonic bodies; and also at Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, Ontario on November 12th, 1997 for the special ceremony of the Dedication of the Altar Cloth. May the Great Architect Of The Universe continue to bless you with good health as you perform your many duties as Grand Master.

NECROLOGY:- Let us remember those Companions who but a short time ago brought so much into each of our lives, as well as contributing so greatly to Royal Arch Masonry, and have now passed to the Grand Chapter above. We are thankful for their many contributions and we join also with our Sister Jurisdictions in mourning the passing of their distinguished Companions and we share with them their grief and sorrow. Right Excellent Companion M. John Moor Grand Chaplain has provided a complete report on the Fraternal Dead and a fitting Memorial Service to their memory.

BENEVOLENCE:- The Benevolence Committee, under the Chairmanship of Right Excellent Companion Kenneth L. Whiting, continues to discharge the duties of this most important area of Committee work with the utmost concern for the needs of those less fortunate. Valuable service has been provided to Companions and widows who were in financial need. In order that the Benevolence Committee can provide the service required, all Companions should advise this committee of cases of need requiring their service and attention.

PAST RANK:- I have received a request from St. John's Chapter No. 3, London, Ontario to grant Past Rank to Companion and Right Worshipful Bro. Robert J. McKibbin who was elected the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario at the 1997 Annual Communication.

A request was also received from Windsor Chapter, No. 71, Windsor, Ontario to grant Past Rank to Excellent Companion Raymond Cross who has served twice the office of Second Principal of his Chapter. He is an active member of Windsor Chapter, No. 71 but due to health reasons it is not practical to expect him to attain this rank by serving as First Principal.

I have received a request from Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton, Ontario to grant Past Rank to the late Excellent Companion Adam E. Piechocki, who was installed and invested as First Principal of Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton on January 4th, 1997 and served in that capacity until his sudden death on November 15th, 1997.

I see no reason why these requests should not be granted. I, therefore, am pleased to recommend that the rank of Past First Principal be conferred upon these devoted Companions.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:- Many Grand Representatives continue to be in contact with their counterparts in our Sister Grand Chapters and your regular communication with them is supported and appreciated by your Grand Council and our Grand Chapter. Your liaison is most important since it improves our relationship with other Grand Chapters throughout the world. Thank you for your commitment and sincere efforts in furthering Royal Arch Masonry.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS:- The Grand Superintendents, although nominated by the Companions of their respective Chapters, and then elected by the Companions of their respective Districts, have accepted the responsibility of representing the Grand First Principal within their Districts. I extend my appreciation to those Companions who have fulfilled their Masonic duties as Grand Superintendent during the past year. Your conscientious attention to your many duties has contributed to the betterment of Royal Arch Masonry. You have all made our Grand Chapter much stronger. Also, I thank those Grand Superintendents who supported the Grand First Principal at many official functions.

DISPENSATIONS:- During the past twelve months there have been 104 dispensations issued dealing with matters of a routine nature in the operation of Royal Arch Chapters in Ontario.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS:- During the past year, the following long-service Jewels, Bars, and Certificates were presented:

Past Principal's Certificate	54
50-Year Past Principal's Bar	1
25-Year Past Principal's Bar	72
50-Year Royal Arch Mason Jewel	59

I thank these Royal Arch Masons for their dedication, service and unselfish contributions to Royal Arch Masonry. Of particular note was the opportunity afforded your Grand First Principal to present a 50-Year Royal Arch Mason Jewel to 91-year old Very Excellent Companion Robert Walker on February 17th, 1998 at Brant-Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 20, Brantford, Ontario. Also on that evening, Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers performed the degree of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem under the direction of Right Excellent Companion Sheldon Boomhour, Chairman of the Grand Chapter Public Relations Committee.

In addition, over 800 "25-Year Pins" have been distributed to Royal Arch Chapters in our jurisdiction. These attractive pins were made available in September 1997 at a cost of \$5.00 each, and the response has been overwhelming.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:- I was extremely pleased to be in attendance and to present four Distinguished Service Awards to Companions who have provided great service to their individual Royal Arch Chapters. The Distinguished Service Award is restricted to a Companion who has not been and is not likely to be elected and installed as an Excellent Principal of his Chapter. This Distinguished Service Award is presented in order to acknowledge the exemplary efforts and talents of a Companion in support of their Chapter, District, and Grand Chapter.

These distinguished Companions are:-

- Companion Norman Ince, St. Andrews Chapter, No. 238, London, Ontario. Presentation of the award being made on May 10, 1997.
- Companion Bernard Forrest Elliott, Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 226, Perth, Ontario. Presentation of the award being made on June 5, 1997.
- Companion Alan McLean, Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, Ontario. Presentation of the award being made on June 6, 1997.
- Companion Percy Jordan, Lebanon Chapter, No. 220, Etobicoke, Ontario. Presentation of the award being made on June 18, 1997.

I would at this time extend my personal congratulations to the five Companions who have been named as recipients of this important award at this Grand Convocation. If there are any other holders of the Distinguished Service Award in attendance, would you please rise in order that we may acknowledge you. I urge every Chapter who have a recipient of this award among their membership to publish his name on the cover of your Chapter summons.

ANNIVERSARIES:- On June 6th, 7th, and 8th, 1997, Bi-Centennial Celebrations were held by Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, St. Lawrence District No. 12 in Kingston, Ontario. This three-day event was well-attended by Companions and Ladies. R.Ex.Comp. M. John Moor, Grand Chaplain also led the Companions in the Ceremony of Remembrance, Rededication and Recommitment.

Oakwood Chapter, No. 233, Pickering, Toronto District No. 8A also celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a high attendance of Companions from four Districts on April 15th, 1997.

On May 21st, 1997, King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, Toronto District 8A celebrated their 75th Anniversary followed by the Ceremony of Remembrance, Rededication and Recommitment. Many visiting Companions from across Ontario were present on this occasion.

Your Grand First Principal attended and assisted at each of those special occasions, and I extend my sincere best wishes to the Officers and Companions of each Chapter for much success in the future.

AMALGAMATIONS:- One amalgamation took place during the past twelve months that being St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, No. 4 amalgamating with Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill, Toronto District 8.

INSTALLATIONS:- I have been pleased to attend and participate, during the past twelve months, at forty-one Royal Arch Chapters for the Ceremony of Installation and Investiture. In addition, your Grand First Principal attended seven Lodge installations and eight installations of other Masonic bodies within the Province of Ontario.

VISITATIONS:- This past year has been enjoyable renewing long-standing friendships and associating with Royal Arch Masons. Time restraints have not allowed me sufficient time to visit all Districts in Ontario. The courtesies extended to my wife, Marion, and to me are much appreciated, and I am confident that my many visits have increased the bond of companionship.

I received much pleasure during my visits to Sister Jurisdictions. Mutual concerns relating to overall membership were discussed, and the sharing of ideas to further Royal Arch Masonry were often the main topics.

I represented our Grand Chapter at the following Convocations outside of Ontario:

May 16, 1997	199 th Grand Convocation, Grand Chapter of Connecticut, Southbury, Connecticut.
June 3-4, 1997	Grand Convocation, Grand Chapter of Quebec, Montreal, Quebec.
October 2-4, 1997	149 th Annual Convocation, Grand Chapter of Michigan, Southgate, Michigan.
March 7, 1998	Grand Convocation, Grand Chapter of New York, Albany, New York.
March 14, 1998	Grand Convocation, Grand Chapter of Delaware, Wilmington, Delaware.

Also, at Wilmington, Delaware, I had the distinct honour to represent Most Illustrious Companion Larry Hostine, Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Ontario at the Annual Convocation of the Royal and Select Masters of Delaware. Most Illustrious Companion Hostine had given me his approval to represent him and I appreciate his courtesy for doing so.

A complete list of my Masonic visitations, special meetings, and other celebrations, which I shall always appreciate and remember with great pleasure and honour, is appended to this address.

HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS:- During the past year, I have been privileged to receive Honourary Membership in the following Royal Arch Chapters:

St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26 Trenton, Ontario.	September 16, 1997
Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, Richmond Hill, Ontario.	October 7, 1997
Keystone Chapter, No. 224, Hamilton, Ontario.	October 9, 1997
Kichekewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland, Ontario.	November 10, 1997
St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton, Ontario.	November 13, 1997

I express my sincerest appreciation to the Principals, Officers, and Companions of these Royal Arch Chapters who have expressed their affection, loyalty and support in such a tangible and complimentary manner. I also thank the other Royal Arch Chapters of which I am a member for the ongoing support and encouragement given to me, and for traveling with me on my Chapter visits in Ontario. These Royal Arch Chapters are Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton; Toronto-Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Weston; Brampton Chapter, No. 265, Brampton; Tecumseth Chapter, No. 264, Tottenham; Occident Chapter, No. 77, Woodbridge; and The St. Patrick's Chapter, No. 145, Newmarket, Ontario.

SPECIAL RECEPTIONS:- I have attended special Receptions held in my honour, each taking involvement and detailed planning by many engaging and industrious Royal Arch Masons. These special nights will be long-remembered and cherished by me, and I thank the Companions and individual Districts for their enthusiasm and their many kind considerations. They are as follows:

May 10, 1997	London District, No. 2, London
October 18, 1997	Hamilton District, No. 5, Hamilton
November 22, 1997	Ontario District, No. 10, Port Hope
March 21, 1998	St. Clair District, No. 1, Chatham
March 28, 1998	Toronto Districts 8 & 8A, Brampton

APPRECIATION:- To my wife Marion and our three children, I say a heart-felt thank you for always being extremely positive, and helping me to be positive when the road was a bit rough. Thank you for your words of encouragement and the many acts of kindness that were afforded me over the past two years as Grand First Principal.

I extend to the Past Grand First Principals my sincere appreciation for attending with me on special occasions, and who have offered solid and uplifting guidance and help whenever I requested same. I respect all of you, and I am sure that our Companionship and future united endeavors will continue to be of a very positive nature for the betterment of Royal Arch Masonry.

My appreciation is also extended to Right Excellent Companions Harry D. Turner and John W. McGill, Grand Second Principal and Grand Third Principal respectively, for your presence and words of encouragement and support. I extend to each of you my best wishes and support for on-going accomplishments as you assume further progressive duties in this Grand Chapter.

I thank Right Excellent Companion Melvyn J. Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra, for his dedication, not only to the Grand Chapter office, but also to Royal Arch Masonry in general. He always offers assistance in a true fashion to all who properly call upon his services and abilities.

I extend to him my personal gratitude and thankfulness, and will treasure his friendship for years to come.

To all the Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, the Grand Executive committee, Committee chairmen and members, and secretarial personnel at the Grand Chapter office, Donna Harvey and Hilda Andruski, thank you for your support and the fulfillment of your many duties over the past two years.

To Right Excellent Companion Robert Norsworthy, the General Chairman of the 140th Convocation of this Grand body, and to his Convocation committee chairmen and members, my thanks for all your assistance and dedication relating to this Convocation.

I extend a heart-felt 'thank you' to Right Excellent Companion William Birnie who has presented to me hundreds of colored photographs that portray Installation and Investiture Ceremonies, special events, anniversaries, and other special occasions that I attended. I appreciate your valuable contribution to our Grand Chapter. You are a very special friend, and may the Supreme Architect of the Universe grant you continued good health and prosperity in all your endeavors.

CONCLUSION:- Companions, I appreciate your attendance at this the 140th Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Soon I will surrender to you the emblem of authority with which you entrusted me for the past two years. The honours and responsibilities thus conferred upon me have been very great.

To the best of my ability and judgement I have discharged the duties of this high trust correctly and fairly at all times upholding the rules and regulations of our constitution.

All that I have done has been in the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry, promoting the peace and prosperity of this Grand Chapter and of Royal Arch Masonry in general.

As I look back over the past two years, I treasure those moments of friendly Companionship and the renewing and strengthening of long-time friendships. I extend a hearty 'thank you' to my predecessors, to my associate Officers, and to all Royal Arch Masonic Companions.

One year ago I said, "Remember that the attitude of responsibility, courage, commitment and integrity to do the right thing, can never be substituted with anything else." I have upheld that pronouncement and will continue to do so as I travel this "rugged road of life."

I recommend to all Companions to have a regular interchange of encouragement which will make us all persevere. The idea of interchange – both giving and receiving – is important to maintaining the strength of Royal Arch Masonry.

Our future, the future of Royal Arch Masonry, will be in the hands of skilled and prudent Companions, and may the Supreme Architect of the Universe who has led us safely thus far through many positive accomplishments and who has supported us with his hand through so many trials, dangers and difficulties, still continue to be our strength and our support. Thank you, my Companions.

Respectfully submitted, R Frank Russell, Grand First Principal

Moved by the Grand Second Principal and seconded by the Grand Third Principal that the Address of the Grand First Principal be received by this Grand Chapter and that it be referred to a Special Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address and that Committee report thereon at this Convocation. CARRIED.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ITINERARY APRIL 13th, 1997 - APRIL 25th, 1998

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| April | 13 District No. 1, Toronto - Divine Service - Brampton |
| | 14 Brampton Chapter No. 265, Brampton - Open House |
| | 15 Oakwood Chapter No. 233, Pickering - Special 75 th Anniversary |
| | 18-19 Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood, Belleville - 69 th Annual Convention |
| | 19 Oakwood Chapter No. 233, Leaside - Anniversary Banquet |
| | 23 Grand Chapter Office, Hamilton - Meeting |
| | 23 Orient Chapter No. 79, Scarborough |
| | 24 Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton |
| | 28 Grey District No. 11, Arthur - Reception for the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Durward I Greenwood |
| May | 1 Occident Chapter No. 77, Woodbridge |
| | 3 Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34, Etobicoke - Special Field Day |
| | 5 Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville - Installation |
| | 6 Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton |
| | 8 Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton - Installation |
| | 9 Scottish Rite Assembly, Hamilton - Special Luncheon |
| | 9 Joseph A. Hearne Lodge No. 685, Mississauga - Installation |
| | 10 London District No. 2, London - Reception for the Grand First Principal |
| | 12 Brampton Chapter No. 265, Brampton - Installation & Investiture |
| | 13 Ionic Lodge No. 229, Brampton - Installation & Investiture |
| | 14 Anniversary Lodge No. 733, Brampton - Installation & Investiture |
| | 15 St. Clair chapter No. 75, Milton - Installation & Investiture |
| | 16-17 Grand Chapter of Connecticut, Southbury USA - 199 th Annual Convocation |
| | 20 Georgian Chapter No. 56, Owen Sound & Amabel Chapter No. 131, Warton - Combined Installation & Investiture, Warton |
| | 21 Grand Council Meeting, Brampton |
| | 21 King Cyrus Chapter No. 232, Toronto - Special Installation & Investiture of Ex.Comp. T. Jack Arthur & 75 th Anniversary |
| | 21 King Cyrus Chapter No. 232, Toronto - Ceremony of Remembrance, Rededication & Recommitment |
| | 23-24 Royal and Select Masters, Peterborough - 95 th Annual Assembly and Grand Masters Banquet |
| | 26 Chinguacousy Lodge No. 738, Brampton - Installation |
| | 27 King David Chapter No. 262, Burlington - Banquet, Installation & Investiture |
| June | 3-4 Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec - Annual Convocation |
| | 5 Prince of Wales Chapter No. 226, Perth - Special Banquet & Presentation of Distinguished Service Award |
| | 6-8 Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston - Bi-Centennial Celebrations & Church Service |
| | 9 Kichikewana Chapter No. 167, Midland - Past Principal's Night |

- 14 Athelstan York Rite College, Etobicoke - Installation & Investiture
- 14 Victoria Chapter No. 205, Thornhill - Annual Barbeque
- 16 King Solomon Chapter No. 8 & Confederation Lodge No. 720, Scarborough
- Recognition Night for R.Ex.Comp. James B. Evans and Stella Evans
- 17 St. Patrick's Chapter No. 145, Newmarket - Education Night by Public
Relations Committee
- 18 Lebanon Chapter No. 220, Etobicoke - Presentation of Distinguished Service
Award & Strawberry Night
- July 15-17 Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Royal York Hotel,
Toronto - 142nd Annual Communication
- 30 Grand Chapter Office, Hamilton - Meeting with Grand Second Principal &
Grand Scribe Ezra
- August 7 Kitchikewana Chapter No. 167, Midland - Annual Barbeque
- 19 Grand Chapter Office, Hamilton - Meeting with General Chairman of 140th
Grand Convocation
- 25 Chinguacousy Lodge No. 738, Brampton
- 30 Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34, Etobicoke - Regular Assembly & Election of
Officers
- September 2 Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton
- 4 Doric-Pickering Lodge No. 424, Ajax - Presentations to Very Worshipful
Brother Edward Ounjian
- 8 Islington Lodge No. 715, Islington - Installation & Investiture
- 10-13 Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Barrie - 123rd Annual Session, Supreme
Council
- 16 St. Mark's Chapter No. 26, Trenton - Honourary Membership Conferred on
Grand First Principal
- 17 Lebanon Chapter No. 220, Etobicoke - Fraternal Visit
- 18 International Plowing Match, Ivy
- 18 Informal Gathering & Supper with the Grand Master, Barrie
- 21 Ontario District No. 10, Lindsay - Annual Divine Service
- 23 Port Credit Chapter No. 230, Port Credit - Past Grand Superintendents,
Toronto District No. 8A - MMM Degree
- 27 Dufferin Lodge No. 570, Thornhill - Presentation of Regalia to Very
Worshipful Brother Kenneth Lowery
- 28 Royal Arch Masons Divine Service for Toronto Districts No. 8 and No. 8A,
Richmond Hill
- 30 1998 RAM Convocation Committee Meeting, Hamilton
- October 2-4 Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, Southgate, MI, USA -
149th Annual Convocation
- 6 Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville - Regular Meeting
- 7 Mt. Sinai Chapter No. 212, Richmond Hill - Installation & Investiture
- 9 Keystone Chapter No. 224, Hamilton - Grand First Principal Receiving Life
Membership
- 11 Athelstan York Rite College, Etobicoke
- 14 Shekinah Chapter No. 138, Toronto - Installation & Investiture
- 18 Hamilton District No. 5 Principals Association, C.M.T., Hamilton -
Reception for Grand First Principal
- 21 Durham Chapter No. 221, Durham - Installation & Investiture
- 23 Tecumseh Chapter No. 264, Tottenham - Installation & Investiture

- 28 Ionic Chapter No. 83, Orangeville - Special Recognition Night for V.Ex.Comp. Durward I Greenwood
- 30 Grand Convocation Committee Meeting, Hamilton
- November 1 Grand Executive Committee Meeting, Hamilton
 - 1 Kitchener Chapter No. 117, Waterloo - Installation & Investiture, Dinner & Dance
 - 3 Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville
 - 4 Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton
 - 6 Occident Chapter No. 77, Woodbridge
 - 7 Scottish Rite Assembly, Hamilton - Special Luncheon
 - 10 Kichekewana Chapter No. 167, Midland - Honourary Membership
 - 12 Barton Lodge No. 6, Hamilton - Dedication of Altar Cloth
 - 13 St. John's Chapter No. 6, Hamilton - Honourary Membership to Grand First Principal
 - 18 Ancaster Chapter No. 155, Ancaster - Installation & Investiture
 - 20 St. John's Lodge No. 75, Scarborough - Recognition Night for Right Worshipful Brother Melvyn J. Duke
 - 22 Ontario District No. 10, Port Hope - Reception for Grand First Principal
 - 26 Orient Chapter No. 79, Scarborough - Installation & Investiture
 - 27 Flower City lodge No. 689, Brampton
 - 28 Hiram Chapter No. 2, Hamilton - Installation & Investiture
 - 29 Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34, Etobicoke - Ceremony of Consecration Enthronement & Investiture
- December 1 Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville
 - 2 Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton
 - 3 Victoria Chapter No. 205, Thornhill - Installation & Investiture
 - 3 Victoria Chapter No. 205 and St. Andrew & St. John Chapter No. 4, Thornhill - Amalgamation & Installation
 - 6 Athelstan York Rite College, Etobicoke - Regular Assembly
 - 8 Keystone Chapter No. 35, Whitby - Regular Meeting & Degree Work
 - 10 Peel Shrine Club, Brampton - Regular Meeting & Christmas Family Night
 - 11 Prince Edward Chapter No. 218, Shelburne - Installation & Investiture
 - 13 Cyrene Preceptory No. 29, Toronto - Special Service at St. James Cathedral
- 1998
- January
 - 3 Pentalpha Chapter No. 28, Oshawa - Installation & Investiture
 - 5 St. John's Chapter No. 3, St. George's Chapter No. 5, London Chapter No. 150, The St. Andrew Chapter No. 238 and Nilestown Chapter No. 247 - Joint Installation, Nilestown
 - 6 University Chapter No. 241, Thornhill - Installation & Investiture
 - 7 1998 Convocation Committee Meeting, Hamilton
 - 8 Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton
 - 9 Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 19, St. Catharines - Installation & Investiture
 - 10 Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton - Installation, Investiture & Ladies Night Banquet & Dance
 - 12 Keystone Chapter No. 224, Hamilton - Installation & Investiture
 - 16 Wellington-McNabb Chapter No. 47, Chatham - Installation & Investiture
 - 17 Essex Council No. 12 Royal and Select Masters, Windsor - Installation & Investiture
 - 19 Palestine Chapter No. 249, Bowmanville - Installation & Investiture
 - 20 Hamilton Chapter No. 175, Hamilton - Installation & Investiture

- 21 Lebanon Chapter No. 220, Etobicoke - Installation & Investiture
- 22 Waterloo Chapter No. 32, Cambridge & Preston Chapter No. 245, Cambridge - Combined Installation & Investiture, Cambridge (Galt)
- 26 Mount Nebo Chapter No. 76, Niagara Falls - Installation & Investiture
- 27 Port Credit Chapter No. 230, Port Credit - Installation & Investiture
- 28 Corinthian Chapter No. 36, Peterborough - Installation & Investiture
- 30 Principals Association Toronto 8 & 8A, Thornhill - Annual Dinner
- 31 Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34, Etobicoke - Regular Meeting
- February 2 Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville - Regular Meeting & Visit of Most Illustrious Companion Larry Hostine, Grand Master
- 3 Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton - Special Open House & 25-YR Pin Presentations
- 5 Occident Chapter No. 77, Woodbridge - Fraternal Visit
- 9 Brampton Chapter No. 265, Brampton - Fraternal Visit
- 12 Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton - Past Masters Night
- 14 Holy Land Conclave No. 3, Thornhill - Installation & Investiture
- 17 Brant-Mount Horeb Chapter No. 20, Brantford - Royal Arch Degree by Grand Chapter Officers, Past & Present
- 25 1998 Convocation Committee Meeting, Hamilton
- 26 Tecumseth Chapter No. 264, Tottenham - Education Night
- 27 Toronto-Antiquity Chapter No. 91, Weston - Fraternal Visit
- March 2 Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville - Elections & Degree
- 3 Elliott Chapter No. 129, Mitchell & St. James Chapter No. 46, St. Marys - Joint Installation & Investiture, Mitchell
- 4 Victoria Chapter No. 37, Port Hope - Special Presentation & Address by Grand First Principal
- 5-7 Grand Chapter of New York, Albany, NY, USA - Annual Convocation
- 13-14 Grand Chapter of Delaware, Wilmington, DE, USA - Annual Convocation
- 17 Grand Chapter Finance Committee Meeting
- 20 Hamilton District No. 5 Principal's Association , Hamilton - Dinner & Meeting
- 21 St. Clair District No. 1, Chatham - Reception for Grand First Principal
- 23 Chinguacousy Lodge No. 738, Brampton - Regular Meeting
- 25 Westgate Lodge No. 734, Streetsville - Official Visit of District Deputy Grand Master
- 26 Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton - Meeting of Wardens and Masters Association, Toronto District No. 1
- 28 Grand Chapter Executive Meeting, Brampton
- 28 Toronto Districts No. 8 & No. 8A - Reception for Grand First Principal at The Olde Beef Market, Brampton
- 30 Principals Association Toronto Districts No. 8 & No. 8A - Annual General Meeting, Thornhill
- 31 1998 Convocation Committee Meeting, Hamilton
- April 1 Palestine Chapter No. 54, St. Thomas - Fraternal Visit
- 2 Grand Lodge Office, Hamilton - Special Meeting with Grand Master & other Masonic Leaders
- 2 Occident Chapter No. 77, Woodbridge - Installation & Investiture
- 4 Teeswater Lodge No. 276, Teeswater - Reception for Grand Master & 125th Anniversary
- 6 Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville - Installation

- 7 Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton
- 8 Anniversary Lodge No. 738, Brampton - Step Up & Degree
- 9 Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton
- 14 Shekinah Chapter No. 138, Toronto
- 16 1998 Convocation Committee Meeting, Hamilton
- 20 The Mount Moriah Lodge No. 727, Brampton - Installation & Investiture
- 21 The St. Patricks Chapter No. 145, Newmarket - Installation & Investiture
- 23-25 Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Hamilton - Grand Convocation

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The duties and responsibilities of the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence as required by Section 59 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter are to receive and report on:

- all Notices of Motion to be presented to Grand Chapter;
- all applications for By-law amendments from Constituent Chapters except those dealing with only fees and dues, with particular reference to the constitutional harmony and validity of those amendments; and
- any questions with respect to the interpretation of the Constitution of Grand Chapter referred to it by the Grand Chapter or by a Constituent Chapter.

Your Committee is composed of V.Ex.Comp. John V. Lawer with myself, V.Ex.Comp. Norman E. Byrne as Chairman. During the past year your Committee has received, reviewed and approved of applications to amend By-laws from a number of Constituent Chapters in the jurisdiction. These amendments varied some dues and fees, the number of regular meetings of a Chapter and some more housekeeping matters of a minor nature.

I am pleased to report that your Committee has approved all applications received and returned them to the Grand Scribe Ezra as required by the Constitution. Several matters involving the interpretation of the Constitution of Grand Chapter have been referred to your Committee and these have been dealt with on a timely basis.

The Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution of Grand Chapter have been reviewed and considered by your Committee and we report on them as follows.

The Committee is charged to consider the amendments and to be satisfied as to the constitutional harmony and validity of the proposed amendments and that they are regular and in order.

SECTIONS 8, 9, 10, 20 AND 21 - These proposed amendments would give to every companion of Royal Arch a right to vote and attend at Grand Chapter meetings.

Grand Chapter traditionally is composed of Companions who have been elected to leadership positions and their respective responsibilities by the Companions of each constituent chapter making up the composition of Grand Chapter.

Comp. McCormick in proposing to give to all Companions a right to attend and vote at Grand Chapter is flying in the face of tradition among all Grand Chapters in North America. He is also in variance with the basic principles and requirements of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario upon which Royal Arch Masonry sets its feet and which is also composed of only those Masons elected to leadership positions. For hundreds of years our Masonic family has given leadership roles only to those elected by the rank and file (with some appointments being the odd exception) of each respective organization. Royal Arch Masons are not entitled as a right to attend Grand Chapter. The Grand First Principal always invites all Royal Arch Masons to enter at the beginning of each Grand Convocation.

If every Royal Arch Mason was entitled to vote at Grand Chapter and thereby be present as a right -- rather than by traditional invitation--the possibility of a very large increase in numbers of those in attendance would be excessive and uncertain and would preclude the proper administration and suitable handling of accommodation of those in attendance and put such a strain on the hotel selected to be the site of the Grand Convocation as to make the whole matter quite impossible to predict and manage from a practical point of view.

Your Committee therefore feels that these proposed amendments are not reasonable, are not regular and in order and otherwise do not conform to the usual constitutional harmony and validity as required by the Constitution and are therefore not acceptable for presentation to Grand Chapter.

SECTION 18 (G) - Add new third paragraph: "The nomination paper containing the names of the nominees for election with nomination biographical information and a current passport photo if available will be printed in the same order as the ballot paper". Your Committee has reviewed this proposed amendment and finds the same to be regular and in order.

SECTION 18 (C) - The proposer has indicated an amendment to Paragraph 18 (d) mistakenly whereas it should refer to Section 18 (c): "Nominations for any elective office requiring nomination, and for the Executive Committee, except for the Grand Superintendent, must be made in writing giving the full name, age, occupation or (if retired) former occupation and post office address of the candidate, together with the name, number, location of his Chapter and Masonic Lodge, the year(s) he was First Principal of his Chapter and Master of his Masonic Lodge if applicable, any elective or appointed Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge office and the years of such election or appointment, the year(s) of service on the Grand Executive or Board of General Purposes and the office for which he is nominated".

This section proposes to list a nominee's membership, office held, elective or appointed office in an organization other than this Grand Chapter in which the nominee seeks office. Presumably, the nominee may well have other memberships in other "Masonic or Appendant" bodies which are not included in the proposed amendment and thereby indicate a "discrimination" accordingly.

The accuracy of the required information of each nominee is not really capable of being researched and verified by the Grand Scribe E's office in a timely manner without a great deal of time and effort on his part and for which his office is not geared to provide. Your Committee feels that office held in another Masonic Body other than Grand Chapter is not relevant to an election of an officer or committee member of this Grand Chapter and while the proposed amendment specifically refers to Grand Lodge, it omits mention of the several other Masonic or Appendant Bodies and is thereby discriminatory. Accordingly your Committee finds such proposed amendment is not regular and in order.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE GRAND TREASURER AND THE GRAND SCRIBE EZRA - SECTIONS 31 AND 32:

GRAND TREASURER - SECTION 31 (A) - Delete the words, "he will be the custodian of the bond of the Grand Scribe Ezra".

DUTIES OF THE GRAND SCRIBE EZRA - SECTION 32 (B) - Delete the entire section, "Give a bond, to be approved by the Grand First Principal, the Grand Chapter through the Grand First Principal in some guarantee company in the sum of \$2,500.00 for the faithful performance of his duties. The bond will be placed in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. The fee for such bond to be paid by Grand Chapter" and in place and substitution therefore put the following: "arrange insurance coverage in the form and amount as the Grand Executive Committee may determine, for the faithful discharge of the duties of the officers and employees of Grand Chapter. The costs of such insurance coverage to be paid for by Grand Chapter". The Committee in reading the explanation attached by the proposer to the above-suggested amendments has great difficulty in accepting the explanation as it indicates that the Grand Chapter is basing its insurance coverage on the insurance coverage of another Masonic Body. Accordingly the Committee feels that the explanation should be removed and the Companions should consider only the actual amendments to Sections 31 (a) and 32 (b). The Committee have carefully reviewed the amendments to Section 31 (a) and 32 (b) and find the same to be regular and in order.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE - SECTION 55 AMENDMENT - The first portion of the proposed amendment is as follows: "Section 55 of the Constitution be amended to have the Long Range Planning Committee added to the Standing Committees of the Grand Executive Committee. After consideration, your Committee is of the opinion that this portion of the proposed amendment is regular and in order. The balance of the proposed amendment is as follows: "The Long Range Planning Committee will be described as follows: a) this Committee will be responsible for focusing its deliberations upon the long-term viability of Royal Arch masonry in Ontario; b) this Committee will work in conjunction with all other Committees and Concordant Bodies to ensure the long-term viability of our Order; c) this Committee will be composed of (1) 8 members plus a Chairman; (2) each member including the Chairman shall serve a term of two years and shall be limited to two terms of office on this Committee; (3) each year 4 members will be replaced; (4) this Committee may be supplemented (on a temporary basis) with advisory personnel when deemed necessary by the Chairman; (5) the Grand Scribe Ezra will be a permanent advisor to this Committee". Your Committee in reviewing this portion of the proposed amendment finds the same to be regular and in order and recommends this proposed amendment shall be by way of a new paragraph or section added immediately after Section 71 and the subsequent section numbers shall be renumbered.

SECTION 83 - CHAPTER SUMMONS - Your Committee in considering the proposed amendment notes that of recent years it is quite possible that interruption of postal services creates difficulties in calling meetings of various Masonic Bodies and has placed excessive difficulties on Grand Scribes and other Companions whose responsibility it is to see that the Companions are notified of meetings of the Chapter in a timely fashion. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

“SECTION 83 - CHAPTER SUMMONS - That a new subsection (d) be added as follows:

83 (d) In the event that it is impossible due to an interruption of postal services or other emergency to effect service of a summons a Regular meeting of a Chapter may be held provided no business shall be transacted thereat with respect to which a summons is required to be served by the Constitution or the by-laws of the Chapter.”

Your Committee finds the proposed amendment to be regular and in order.

As Chairman of this Committee I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to V.Ex.Comp. John V. Lawer and to the Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J. Duke for their deliberations, advice and counsel, all of which is indeed appreciated.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee: V.Ex.Comp. Norman E. Byrne, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal and Seconded by myself that this Report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

At 11:45 a.m. the Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from labour to refreshment until 1:15 p.m.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON

At 1:15 p.m. the Grand First Principal directed The Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from refreshment to labour.

Due to a prior commitment the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. William T. Anderson was unable to remain with the Companions.

R.W.Bro. Robert J. McKibbin, the Deputy Grand Master of The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario was presented in the West as the representative of the Grand Master, and warmly received by M.Ex.Comp. R. Frank Russell. Following Grand Honours he was escorted to his seat on the dias by the Grand First Principal.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

Most Excellent Companion R. Frank Russell, Grand First Principal of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Distinguished Guests, Reverend Sirs, Companions

I know our Grand Master, William T. Anderson, the Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Canada of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was here this morning and I feel, Most Excellent Sir, something like the commercial, I'm not sure whether it's the Coke commercial or the Bell Canada commercial. You've already had the real thing and I'm the next best thing to being there and I thank you Brethren, or Companions for the Grand Honours nine times, I feel even a little closer now, Most Excellent Sir.

Since our Grand Master has brought you greetings, I will bring you greetings from our Board of General Purposes on this your 140th Convocation. It is a delight for my wife, Marjorie, and I to be with you and we thank you for your courtesies.

Is R.Ex.Comp. Hugh Dunlop here? Right Excellent Sir, April 13, 1998, does that ring a bell? It sure does. R.Ex.Comp. Dunlop married the lovely lady, Joanne Campbell, on that date and you know I had the privilege of meeting Joanne when we went to Newfoundland for that Grand Lodge Consecration.

Now, as you may know, Hugh is definitely a gentleman and he thought -- I really should get to know Joanne a little better so we will take a train ride to Newfoundland and being the gentleman that he is, and the upright Mason, he got an upper and a lower berth. Now they were rolling out of Montreal and Hugh being the gentleman went to the upper berth and Joanne was in the lower and all of a sudden Hugh heard, "Hugh, Hugh do you think there would be an extra pillow on the train" so Hugh got out in his bare feet, went down the ladder, went down to the end of the car, got the pillow and brought it back and said, "there you are my dear", climbed back up the ladder, just getting his cold feet warm from the cold train floor and heard, "Hugh, Hugh I'm thirsty" so again Hugh went down the ladder and down to the end of the car and got a glass of water and said, "there you are my dear". Just nicely crawled back into the upper berth and --- you got it --- "Hugh dear, Hugh I'm cold" - Hugh thought, ha - he said, "dear, we know we are getting to know each other pretty well, what do you say that we pretend we are married?", "Oh, Hugh, that would be lovely" - "get your own darn blanket". It's not true, Hugh, but she's a lovely lady and I know you did fly with us out to Newfoundland. Congratulations to you both!

Most Excellent Companion Russell I looked up the word concordant. It said agreeing, harmonious and consistent - certainly that is this body. We need the Royal Arch Chapter because it too focuses on our fundamental craft. Each of us here in this room realize we need the lessons repeated over and over and the beautiful way the Royal Arch and the other concordant bodies zoom in on our particular tenants enhances our lessons. We thank each and every one of you for your role in conveying Masonry to our Brethren, to our families and to the world.

Most Excellent Sir again thank you on behalf of Marjorie and I for your cordial hospitality.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee would like to thank our Grand Scribe Ezra for his assistance, in so many ways, for his knowledge and gentle assistance when needed. We would also like to thank our Representatives who are communicating to our Sister Jurisdictions and report that, so far, we have received thirty-five copies of proceedings. Please keep up the great work, the numbers are growing.

Alberta: Reaffirmed the Resolution of loyalty to the Queen - Establishing a Leadership Course for Lodge and Chapter officers, under the direction of Grand Chapter membership committee - Establishing a quarterly Grand Chapter Bulletin - Returning Grand First Principal questions "Field Days" - He suspects that candidates recollection of proceedings will be little more than a blur, on the morning after.

Arkansas: Have developed a certificate for any Chapter achieving a 10% increase in membership.

Connecticut: Open installation and Ladies welcomed - Held informal Fraternal Evening with Grand Chapter of Prince Hall Affiliation - Appear impressed about Ontario's pamphlets "Curious about The Holy Royal Arch".

Greece: Received the first correspondence of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Greece, which was the merger of two Grand Chapters - Discussed that for the first time in their history the capability for co-operation with the York Rite and Scottish Degrees. This has been recognized by all Masonic Bodies of America, Canada, Europe and Australia.

Illinois: Still list previous Grand Secretary in 1996 report - Have the same problems as other jurisdictions with representatives who do not respond.

Iowa: Use formal opening for Flag presentation, official introduction of Guests and Necrology Service.

Ireland: Held quarterly Grand Chapter meetings at the Masonic Hall in Dublin - Issued a new warrant for Kingston, Jamaica - Set up rules for Grand Representatives.

Manitoba: Open Grand Chapter in Ceremonial form Friday night and follow up with Reception for Ladies and Guests - Saturday open in regular form - Grand Reps give verbal reports.

Massachusetts: Have recognized the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, Massachusetts.

Mexico: Report in both Spanish and English - All Grand Reps to Mexico have responded.

Michigan: Monthly Newsletter sent ten times per year - Honourary membership granted to Most Excellent Companion R. Frank Russell - Formed Council of Co-operation with Grand Lodge, Grand Council, Grand Commandry and Scottish Rite.

New Brunswick: Grand First Principal requested and received an Open Installation.

Newfoundland: Granted Dispensation to wear Royal Arch Regalia at funerals and church services.

New Mexico: Past Grand High Priests recommend initial steps be taken to recognize Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

New York: Grand Superintendents promoted "Resolve a Chapter" in their districts with encouraging results, as well as promoting leadership at Chapter level - Sold telephone calling cards to promote closer communications with family and friends - Value was \$20 each with \$5 paid to various charities - Very extensive report on Fraternal Correspondence, very well done, including Grand Reps survey in Ontario.

New Zealand: Confirmation of R.Ex.Comp. G. T. Jones as Grand Rep. - List all officers of present or Past Grand Rank and year.

New South Wales and Australian Capitol Territory: Received two copies, one which included a card with Season's Greetings from their Grand Chapter for our Grand Chapter - Report received was Grand Installation Convocation.

Nova Scotia: Provides a set of instructions to use as a guide for Grand Representatives - Established a RAM Glaucoma Fund.

Ohio: Report on Fraternal Correspondence is the most complete of all received, twenty-five pages in length - Congratulations, very well done.

Quebec: Received first communication ever, dated 1994.

Saskatchewan: Use informal opening ceremonies on Friday evening and all political representatives, representatives of Concordant Bodies, wives and families - the Flag ceremony, Memorial Service for all departed Companions and Memorial Tribute to widows and families of the departed - Reduction of Grand Line to Grand Z, H and J.

Vermont: Developing an Amnesty Program whereby a petition for restoration from suspension for non-payment of dues would require such petition be accompanied by only the current years dues.

Victoria: Grand Chapter meets quarterly.

Virginia: Use Royal Arch Festivals and participate in Multi State Festivals.

To summarize, we have received thirty-five Grand Chapter Reports including South Africa, Mexico, Greece and four years from New Jersey, as well as copies of Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Bulletins from South Australia. Our thanks again to our Grand Representatives. Many states and some provinces are holding Festivals or Field Days to promote Royal Arch to Preceptory and Scottish Rite, but, some Districts are showing concern that the candidates do not have sufficient time to remember all that has happened, while Chapter Officers are not learning this vital work in their Chapter.

Membership continues to show decreases in all Districts but the rate has declined, showing 2-7%. The slower decline is reported to be that most Districts are using programs like "Friend to Friend" and the co-operation of all Masonic Bodies working together. As one Grand High Priest reported; "Let's not look at it as membership dropping, but as a base to build upon".

In closing I would like to quote Most Excellent Companion Robert Todd, Past Grand First Principal of Quebec; "With all of the caveats and principles espoused by behaviourists as we approach the TWENTY FIRST CENTURY none is more enduring and relevant in our times as the admonition to 'Do unto others as you would wish they would do unto you'. Keeping this in mind you will ensure that we do not fail to act as Brothers and Masons, within, as well as without the Chapter".

Respectfully submitted, Richard Jackson, B. Donald Lamont, Chairman.

Moved by Grand Second Principal R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner, seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. B. Donald Lamont, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

On behalf of the Archives Committee members it is our pleasure to present this report of our activities for the 1997/98 Masonic year. We are pleased to report that since the November Grand Executive Meeting, the sorting of the books from the Edward Burton collection has been completed. We feel this task is now 98% complete, giving us much more room in the Archives room.

We continue to sort, organize and catalogue the many hundreds of items which fall under our domain. There have been a small number of items and several programmes from Chapter Anniversaries donated during this year.

A number of items of surplus furnishings were gladly donated to chapters in need. Any Chapter in need of Chapter furnishings or regalia are urged to contact the Grand Archivist through the Grand Chapter Office, to inquire if there is surplus of the item(s) they require.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Grand First Principal for allowing me the privilege of being Chairman of this Committee, and extend a special thanks to the members of the Committee for their support and efforts during this past year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee, V.Ex.Comp. John Abbott, R.Ex.Comp. James Reid, Ex.Comp. Dennis Hill, Comp. Gregory Flis, V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner, seconded by myself, V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Investment Committee has pleasure in submitting its report on various Funds under the jurisdiction of The Grand Chapter. The following summarizes the investment portfolio at cost for the year March 1, 1997 to February 28, 1998:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>Interest Received</u>	<u>Average Yield</u>
General	65,600	--	65,600	5,453	8.31%
Commuted Victory	235,676	4,027	239,703	22,312	9.39%
Thanksgiving Scholarship	50,352	4,532	54,884	3,997	7.60%
& Bursary Medical	171,401	124	171,525	15,022	8.76%
Research	<u>388,569</u>	<u>707</u>	<u>389,276</u>	<u>32,681</u>	<u>8.40%</u>
Total	<u>911,598</u>	<u>9,390</u>	<u>920,988</u>	<u>79,465</u>	<u>8.67%</u>

The Investment Committee is pleased to report that the total investments increased by \$9,390 over the prior year and the interest received increased by \$11,218. The projected total investments and interest income for the year ending February 28, 1999 is expected to be approximately the same as the current fiscal year. We are also pleased to report that the market value of investments exceeded the book value by approximately \$21,000.

The Investment committee met twice during the year, in addition to holding several meetings by conference calls. Finally, the Investment committee would like to record their appreciation to R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J. Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra and R.Ex.Comp. John E. Oldham, Grand Treasurer for their efforts in administering the day to day activities of the investment portfolio.

Sincerely and fraternally

M.Ex.Comp. William S. Thomson, R.Ex.Comp. John E. Oldham, Ex.Comp. Beverley C. Alexander, Ex.Comp. Shavak R. Madon, R.Ex.Comp. Harold G. Hubbell, Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Harold G Hubbell, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Finance Committee continues to fulfil its Constitutional responsibilities. We have reviewed the monthly Financial Statements of the Grand Treasurer, monitoring the progress in comparison to the Budget Estimates approved by Grand Chapter last April. I thank the Grand Scribe Ezra for his untiring diligence and the Grand Treasurer for his assistance in providing the information required, on a timely basis. Your Committee has reviewed the February, year end Financial Statement in detail. And, subsequently the Financial Statements prepared by our Auditor, Comp. George Benton of Doane Raymond. We are satisfied that they present the financial operations of our Grand Chapter during the last fiscal year.

The good news is that we had a surplus of revenue over expenses of \$17,306.00. This resulted from a number of factors and indeed are principally the fruits of initiatives implemented over the last several years by: the Grand Council, Finance Committee, Investment Committee and the Grand Scribe Ezra and Grand Treasurer. To name a few of these: moving the Grand Chapter Office to the Grand Lodge Memorial Building in Hamilton, arranging Insurance coverage in cooperation with Grand Lodge, changes to the program and expenses of the Annual Convocation, diversifying the Investment Portfolio, changes to the operation of the "Supplies for Resale" operation and improvements to the procedures and upgrading of the equipment in our Grand Chapter office.

Coupled with the transfers to the Commuted Fund Capital approved by Grand Chapter, we see the following results: Investment Income exceeded Budget by \$4,815, net proceeds from Supplies for Resale (one time) of \$5,350, Office Expenses under Budget by \$2,329 and Kingston Grand Convocation expenses under Budget by \$2,539 (special thanks to our Grand Council and the Kingston Host Committee); overall: income exceeded Budget by \$13,554 and expenses were under by \$3,654 to produce our aforementioned surplus.

The precautionary news is that 1997-98 was probably the peak of the upward curve. Most of the major items of expense reduction have been achieved. The limit of our prudent investment diversification has almost been reached, hence maturing GICs in future will be renewed at a substantially reduced rate of return. Unless we can further limit and reduce the expense of our Annual Grand Convocation, our forecast is for gradually increasing expenses and reduced revenues.

In preparing the Budget, the single most difficult line is the expense for the Grand Convocation. Historically this has varied over the last ten years from a high of just over \$11,000 to a low of just under \$5,500. We have received a budget from the 1998 Convocation Committee and added some for contingencies. The transfer to the Commuted Fund has been increased to continue to build its Capital, while we may, to improve that revenue resource for the future. We are confident that the expenditures are appropriate and the receipts are sufficient to cover them.

As a result of the deliberations of your Finance Committee, over this and past year's Budgets, we recommend to the Grand Executive Committee that an ad hoc committee be appointed to study the possibility of changing our Grand Convocation from an Annual occurrence to a Bi-Annual one, with the in-between year being a one-day Business Convocation. To report to the Grand Executive its recommendations for any further action.

The Grand Executive Committee at its meeting on March 28th adopted the following recommendations presented by your Finance Committee:

- the Audited Financial Statements of the Grand Chapter General Fund, Medical Research Fund and the Scholarship and Bursary Fund be received and referred to Grand Chapter for adoption.
- An amount of \$17,000, realized from the Surplus reported for the fiscal year March 1st, 1997 to February 28th, 1998, be transferred to the Commuted Fund Capital.
- The Accounting Firm of Doane Raymond be appointed Auditors for the fiscal year March 1st, 1998 to February 28th, 1999.
- In accordance with Section 56 of the Constitution, the estimate of receipts and expenditures (attached) on account of the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year of March 1st, 1998 to February 28th, 1999, be received and referred to Grand Chapter for adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: R.Ex.Comps. Melvyn J. Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra, John E. Oldham, Grand Treasurer, V.Ex.Comp. Robert S. Wylie and R.Ex.Comp. David G. Walker, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner, and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. David G. Walker, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
1998-1999 FISCAL YEAR**

	1998-99	1997-98	1997-98	1997-98
	BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
REVENUE				
Registration fees	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,170.00	170.00
Per capita dues	71,500.00	72,900.00	73,240.00	340.00
Dispensations and Warrants	750.00	750.00	840.00	90.00
Constitutions, Rituals & Jewels	--	--	8,132.00	8,132.00
Investment Income - General Fund	5,400.00	4,750.00	5,453.00	703.00
Interest from Commuted Fund	22,000.00	18,200.00	22,312.00	4,112.00
Interest from V.T.B.F.	--	--	3,997.00	3,997.00
Donations - Benevolence	--	--	1,324.00	1,324.00
Other income	--	--	6.00	6.00
Total revenue	<u>102,650.00</u>	<u>99,600.00</u>	<u>118,475.00</u>	<u>18,875.00</u>
EXPENSES				
Remuneration Grand Scribe Ezra	20,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	0
Office salaries and wages	12,600.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0
Library Assistance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0
Rent and parking	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,770.00	(30.00)
Office (Schedule Below)	15,850.00	18,400.00	16,071.00	(2,329.00)
Office equipment purchases	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,966.00	(34.00)
Convocation	6,000.00	8,000.00	5,461.00	(2,539.00)
Executive Committee	500.00	500.00	335.00	(165.00)
Regalia refurbishing	1,000.00	1,000.00	825.00	(175.00)
Printing Proceedings	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,292.00	(208.00)
Grand Council expense	500.00	500.00	375.00	(125.00)
Promotion	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,218.00	(782.00)
Constitutions, Rituals & Jewels	--	--	2,782.00	2,782.00
Travel	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0
Audit	3,300.00	3,000.00	3,420.00	420.00
Insurance	1,100.00	1,050.00	1,030.00	(20.00)
Jewels and engraving	250.00	250.00	92.00	(158.00)
Keystone	3,200.00	3,000.00	2,980.00	(20.00)
Provision for doubtful accounts	--	--	--	0
Benevolence	--	--	5,322.00	5,322.00
Miscellaneous and instruction	500.00	500.00	228.00	(272.00)
Transfer to Commuted Fund	9,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0
Transfer to Building Fund	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>0</u>
Total expenses	<u>102,100.00</u>	<u>99,500.00</u>	<u>101,168.00</u>	<u>1,668.00</u>
Excess / (Shortfall)	<u>550.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>17,306.00</u>	<u>17,206.00</u>

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It is my privilege to present to you the financial statement of this Grand Chapter and its two charities for the year ended 28 February 1998. These statements have been audited by the Hamilton office of Doane Raymond, Chartered Accountants. I am pleased to say that we have received a clean audit report with the usual technical qualification in respect to the natural inability to confirm the reasonability of the charitable donations received.

This year you will notice for the first time that the two charities have their own audit reports, rather than being covered by inference in the report on Grand Chapter. This has been done not just for clarity but also to keep us in the good books of Revenue Canada.

Once again we are indebted to Doane Raymond, and in particular Comp. George F. Benton the managing partner of our audit, for the expert and willing advice provided to the Grand Scribe Ezra and myself during the year.

Our financial picture continues to look healthy and as comments on our Finances have already been made by R.Ex.Comp. David G. Walker, and on our investment portfolio by R.Ex.Comp. Harold G. Hubbell, I will limit my remarks to some of the highlights.

Our net income is impacted by the following major items:

- A one time profit of \$3,800 as a result of setting up the inventory of items not for sale. This inventory is composed of Jewels and Bars purchased to be presented to qualified Companions.
- A favourable variance on the cost of our Annual Convocation, which came in at \$5,460, against a budget of \$8,000.
- Investment Income is up \$2,600 from last year - this is a result of larger fund balances and improved cash flows. We expect investment income to remain at approximately the same levels next year but decline thereafter as expiring bonds will be replaced with those of lower yields.

On a more mundane note during the year, in conjunction with the Grand Scribe Ezra, a series of accounting and administration housekeeping tasks were undertaken including:

- completion of the documentation of our accounting procedures, including the establishment of a records retention policy;
- establishment of an ongoing accounting review process;
- presentation of the quarterly financial statements on an accrual basis, which makes for a more consistent flow of information throughout the year;
- establishment of sub-ledgers to better track investments and investment income throughout the year, and to project income.

These tasks were undertaken not just to make my life easier as the new man on the job, but to generally make office administration easier.

Cost containment and expense reduction have continued to be priorities during the year, for which the credit goes to our Grand Scribe Ezra. Your Grand Scribe Ezra negotiated a new contract for the lease of a postage machine, at rates of less than half the previous contract, which will result in savings of \$7,000 over the five year term of the lease. R.Ex.Comp. Mel Duke is constantly looking for improvements in office efficiency, reduced costs, and increased sales for which he is to be commended. It should be noted that in my opinion, opportunities for further cost containment are now virtually exhausted.

It has been an interesting challenge taking over the role of Grand Treasurer. The job was not exactly what I expected. R.Ex.Comp. Duke, my friend for many years, has a silver tongue - just about the only thing he got right about the job was the remuneration! Notwithstanding this I was most flattered when you, Most Excellent Sir, appointed me at our last Convocation and I thank you for the opportunity of serving as Grand Treasurer. It has been a pleasure working with you and with your right hand man, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner, and I look forward to an easier time during the coming year, while continuing to enjoy the same remuneration.

During the past year several Companions have provided me a willing ear, needed advice and most importantly their time. In particular I am grateful to the following Companions - R.Ex.Comp. Mel Duke, Harold Hubbell, Eric Lakien, David Walker and Comp. George Benton, each of whom have helped me enormously in my function as Grand Treasurer. I have also enjoyed working closely with Ex.Comps. Shavak Madon and Bev Alexander not just as members of the Investment Committee but also for their advice and encouragement as professional accountants. Thank you for your friendship.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted, John Oldham, Grand Treasurer.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. John Oldham, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

PRESENTATION BY THE YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE

M.Ex.Comp. R. Frank Russell invited R.Ex.Comp. Bert Mennie to make a presentation on behalf of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Distinguished East and Companions;

Once again, it is a privilege and a pleasure for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Canadian Charitable Foundation to present a \$500.00 cheque this year to the Bursary Fund of this Grand Chapter. We know this may not provide for the education of a student but we each in our own way can work together to help those students in need. The amount that the Foundation can give is dependant on our sources of income and in proportion to where and what Provinces it is derived from. Ontario has been most generous. We are giving in proportion.

The Grand First Principal thanked R.Ex.Comp. Mennie whose words and gift received a sounding round of applause.

GREETINGS EXTENDED FROM ATTENDING COMPANIONS

During the 140th Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario held in Hamilton on April 24th and 25, 1998, Fraternal Greetings were extended by Visiting Companions of each of the Grand Chapters and other Bodies represented.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario;

We have audited the balance sheet of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario as at February 28, 1998 and the statements of general fund revenues and expenses and general and special fund balances for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organizations' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

The organization derives some fund revenue in the form of donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenues over expenses, assets and fund balances.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of revenues referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at February 28, 1998 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada

March 28, 1998

Doane Raymond
Chartered Accountants

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario

Balance Sheet

February 28

1998

1997

Assets

Current

Cash	\$ 42,512	\$ 20,306
Accounts receivable	9,477	6,145
Inventory of goods for resale	14,648	14,144
Prepaid expenses	--	<u>1,214</u>
	<u>66,637</u>	<u>41,809</u>

Fixed assets

	<u>335</u>	<u>335</u>
	<u>66,972</u>	<u>42,144</u>

Investments

General Fund	65,600	65,600
The Commuted Membership Fund	239,703	235,677
The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund	54,884	50,352
Other investments	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>

\$ 360,188 **\$ 351,629**

\$ 427,160 **\$ 393,773**

Liabilities

Current

Payables and accruals	\$ 3,210	\$ 3,000
Deferred revenues	<u>8,386</u>	<u>--</u>
	<u>11,596</u>	<u>3,000</u>

Special Fund balances (Page 4)

313,735 289,250

General Fund balance(Page 4)

101,829 101,523

\$ 427,160 **\$ 393,773**

On behalf of the Grand Chapter

R Frank Russell

Melvyn James Duke

Grand First Principal

Grand Scribe Ezra

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario
Statements of Revenue and Expenses and General Fund Balance

Year Ended February 28	1998	1997
Revenue		
Dues - per capita	\$ 73,240	\$ 75,403
Interest from Commuted Fund	22,312	18,923
Sales of supplies	8,132	7,316
Income from investments	5,459	6,030
Income from V. T. B. F.	3,997	4,770
Registration fees	3,170	3,520
Other income	<u>2,164</u>	<u>1,396</u>
	<u>118,474</u>	<u>117,358</u>
Expenses		
Rent and parking	7,770	7,770
Office supplies and expenses	18,038	19,290
Salaries and benefits	35,000	35,000
Benevolence	3,628	2,360
Travel	9,000	9,000
Supplies for resale	2,782	6,565
Annual Convocation	5,461	11,104
Annual Convocation proceedings	3,292	3,398
Professional fees	3,420	3,535
Keystone publication	2,980	1,289
Transfers to V. T. B. F.	1,694	2,693
Transfers to Commuted Fund	4,000	1,000
Transfers to Building Fund	--	5,000
Miscellaneous and instruction	228	--
Regalia refurbishing	825	--
Insurance	1,030	1,028
Jewels and engraving	92	16
Council and Committee expenses	710	701
Promotion and public relations	<u>1,218</u>	<u>3,571</u>
	<u>101,168</u>	<u>113,320</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	<u>\$ 17,306</u>	<u>\$ 4,038</u>
General Fund		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 101,523	\$ 107,366
Excess of revenue over expenses	17,306	4,038
Transfers from general fund	<u>(17,000)</u>	<u>(9,881)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 101,829</u>	<u>\$ 101,523</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario
General and Special Fund Balances

Year Ended February 28, 1998

	Commuted Membership Fund	Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund	Total Special Funds Balance	General Fund Balance
Balance, beginning of year	236,557	52,693	289,250	101,523
Transfer from General Funds	4,000	1,694	5,694	--
Transfers from General Surplus Surrendered Charters	17,000	--	17,000	(17,000)
Shares in York Masonic Temple Limited (at nominal value)	1,790	--	1,790	--
Excess of revenue over expenditures	1	--	1	--
	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>17,306</u>
Balance end of year	<u><u>259,348</u></u>	<u><u>54,387</u></u>	<u><u>313,735</u></u>	<u><u>101,829</u></u>

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario
Medical Research Fund (Release a Miracle Fund)
Balance Sheet
February 28

	1998	1997
Assets		
Current		
Cash in bank	\$ 29,133	\$ 4,942
Interest receivable	<u>1,740</u>	<u>1,740</u>
	30,873	6,682
Investments	<u>389,277</u>	<u>388,569</u>
	<u>\$ 420,150</u>	<u>\$ 395,251</u>
Fund balance		
End of year	<u><u>\$ 420,150</u></u>	<u><u>395,251</u></u>

Statements of Revenue and Expenses

Year Ended February 28	1998	1997
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 8,899	\$ 13,650
Interest on investments	32,681	30,430
Bank interest	<u>54</u>	<u>93</u>
	<u>41,634</u>	<u>44,173</u>
Expenses		
Donations	\$ 16,000	\$ 26,000
Printing and bank charges	<u>735</u>	<u>1,005</u>
	<u>16,735</u>	<u>27,005</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 24,899	\$ 17,168
Fund balance		
Beginning of year	<u>395,251</u>	<u>378,083</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 420,150</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 395,251</u></u>

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario
The Scholarship and Bursary Fund
Balance Sheet
February 28

	1998	1997
Assets		
Current		
Cash in bank	\$ 18,229	\$ 3,007
Investments	<u>171,525</u>	<u>171,401</u>
	<u>\$ 189,754</u>	<u>\$ 174,408</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Bank indebtedness	\$ --	\$ --
Fund balance		
End of year	<u>189,754</u>	<u>174,408</u>
	<u>\$ 189,754</u>	<u>\$ 174,408</u>

Statements of Revenue and Expenses

Year Ended February 28	1998	1997
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 9,238	\$ 8,130
Interest on investments	15,022	12,194
Bank interest	<u>30</u>	<u>47</u>
	<u>24,290</u>	<u>20,371</u>
Expenses		
Bursaries	8,400	\$ 8,500
Printing and bank charges	<u>544</u>	<u>704</u>
	<u>8,944</u>	<u>9,204</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 15,346	\$ 11,167
Fund balance		
Beginning of year	<u>163,241</u>	<u>127,652</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 189,754</u>	<u>\$ 174,408</u>

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario
Notes to the Financial Statements
February 28, 1998

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Inventories

Inventories of supplies for sale and for use are valued at cost.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at acquisition cost. New additions are not depreciated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles but are charged to expenditure in the year of acquisition. The cost of additions is then added to the accumulated cost of fixed assets in the records and to accumulated depreciation.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized at the time goods are shipped or services are supplied to members.

Interest on investments

Interest on investments is recognized as income when it becomes due. Premiums or discounts on investments are expressed or recognized as income when incurred.

2. Fixed assets		1998	1997	
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 36,754	\$ 36,744	\$ 10	\$ 10
Library	250	-	250	250
Regalia	<u>2,413</u>	<u>2,338</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
	<u>\$ 39,417</u>	<u>\$ 39,082</u>	<u>\$335</u>	<u>\$ 335</u>

3. Investments

During the year, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario received shares in the York Masonic Temple, Limited as part of the dissolution of a Chapter.

These shares are recorded in the books at a nominal value of \$1 per share. Market value of investments is \$373,330 (1996-\$353,400).

STATISTICAL REPORTS

DEATHS - 1997

1-Ralph D. Davison, Walter Covell Smith, Frederick M. McCoy, 2-Andrew Stewart Beck, George William James Sanders, Arthur Frederick Brown, George Winton, 3-Alfred W.M.

Sellifant, James A. Pender, Constantin Couloufis, Charles Loren Heath, 5-Gordon Proctor Sanders, Donald Lewis Clark, Charles West, William MacDougall, 6-Michael Andrews, Glassford Gerry Weylie, Arthur Frederick Brown, 7-John Alexander Ireland, Charles West, Ronald Hebert Godden, Ernest Joseph Kells, Adrien Franklin Lake, Cecil Francis Reid, 8-Michael H. Gorsky, 15-Robert Lee Parker, William C. Clarke, S. William Dunlop, 16-Henry Lewis Currier, William Alson Childs, Gerald Arthur Tripp, 18-Albert Edward Dickinson, 19-Walter Hassall Nutt, Lawrence Howard McGinn, Robert Edward Gillespie, Frederick James Hallahan, Peter John Edmonds, Eldon Anderson, 20-Douglas Cameron Maich, Chesley Robert Burton, Eugene Edward Bubyer, Eric A. Luke, 22-Wilfred H. Place, Donald Maynard Smith, 23-David Lee McNeilly, Westun W. Lumley, Frederick Grigg, 26-Milton R. Woodward, Ross E. Milligan, John Morgan Jinks, 27-Herbert Shilson Chapman, Raymond Albert Barker, Clarence Crowston, Bryan Cyril Alford, Wallace Harry Downer, Robert Hugh Smith, Arthur Settle, 28-David Bringean Speirs, 29-Lawrence Walter Caughell, 30-Andrew Graham Whitely, Robert Turnbull Henry, John William Draper, 31-John B. Le Heup, Ernest Stanley Franklin, Roy Manley Rosborough, 32-James Leslie Sweet, 34-Frank Reid, Bryan Patrick Devine, 35-Graham John Perks, 36-Lloyd Ormond Grose, Maxwell Bruce Grose, Toivo John Halme, Donald Joseph Rosenbury, Godfrey Reginald Hamilton, Archibald Muir Fulton, John Kenneth Fawcett, 40-Maynard Clarence Watson, Carl William Young, Sidney Cole Crossland, 41-Frederick Markham Smith, Ronald Kenneth James, Kenneth Alexander Legacy, 44-Joseph Hugh Ramsey, Reginald Clancy Dawson, 46-Herbert Sparling, Alister McIntosh, 47-Charles Bow, Edward Hugh Logan, 48-Irving John Goheen, Thomas Edgar Buttar, Harry Stewart Gardner, 53-Edwin Ernest Hayes, Norval John Davidson, Edward Hugh Logan, 54-Murland James Watson, Clinton Alexander Bell, Clifford Mills, Russell George Beer, Herbert Leslie Monteith, Cyril Arthur Roberts, Harold Raymond Taverner, 55-Edward Pitt, Jack Vincent Baker, 57-Gerald G. Simmons, 59-Clarence Evans Babcock, Gerald Henry Gilmer, Earl Uriah Saunders, Ferman George Lawson, 61-Milton John Symington, Arnold John Illingworth, William Donald Baird, 62-Clifford M. Platten, 63-Frank Roy Worden, 64-James Cecil Lauren McKeand, 68-Douglas Thomas Somerville, George Vander Vaart, John Clarence Foster, 71-Henry J. Thrasher, Clarence Edward H. White, Harold H. Amsden, Hugh S. McLachlan, Frank Hallett, 73-Archie Gordon McDiarmid, Lester T. Fisher, Charles Douglas Kreiger, Edward Hugh Logan, 75-Murray A. Heit, 76-James McLatchie, 77-Walter Inrid, 78- O. Clifford Russell, Arthur Gaiser, Simeon Edward Bloomfield, 79-Walter Belfontaine, Donald Paul Magee, Edward McGahey, Reginald Leslie Edwards, Clifford M. Platten. 81-Lloyd J. Harvey, Cyril Arthur Roberts, Jack Wadeson, 82-Chester James Miller, Henry Wesley Hill, 83-Eric Henry McM White, Walter McAlpine, 84-R. Ross Vogan, 90-Richard Bryce Elliott, Robert Marcus Blight, Charles Percy Wingfield, 91-William Hillis, Edward A. Dowie, Victor Vernon Man Son Hing, 94-Charles Edward McPhail, 95-John Alexander J. Smart, Harry Clifford Fraser, 102-Donald Frederick Lines, Daniel Howard Cook, 103-Eldon Lorne Moore, Donald William Seal, Arthur Stanley Haley, William Albert Ryan, William Harry Hall, 104-David Moffat, Jack Vincent Baker, 110-Harry Sloan Ewing, 113-Clark Fraser, Frederick George Devaul, 114-Roy Stuart Taggart, William Joseph Gilhooly, 129-Ernest George Prior, 130-Hugh Alexander McLean, Walter Hogg, Frank Roy Worden, 131-William George McDougall, Albert George Brown, Arthur Herbert Rouse, Floyd James Nixon, 133-Harold Ivan Lane, Gordon Douglas Durant, Clayton Borden Bratrud, Gordon Ellwood Dickson, Arthur Rawes, Harold Edward Botham, 134-Charles Edward McPhail, Gerald Philip Lloyd, Walter Belfontaine, 135-Gerald Gilmore Gregg, 138-David Barr McGregor, Donald Clifford McCormack, Ernest George Prior, 144-Harder Eric Bonisteel, Harry Sloan Ewing, 145-William E. Pomeroy, Henry James Kenneth Mundy, John Michael Allen, 146-Norton S. VanCamp, 147-Leonard MacDonald, 148-John Arthur Wilson, 150-George Glenville Oliver, Thomas William Ivan Gibson, George Hugh Bruton Foster,

151-John Edwin Gardiner, 152-Edward Botel, 153-Edwin Ernest Hayes, 155-Thomas McCuffin, 161-Eugene Ross Pigden, 167-Gordon Thomas Mugford, 168-George Wellington Labrash, Roylance Ernest Ballard, 169-Clifford Whalen, Glen Dougal Swanson, 175-Charles Kustav Salonen, Frank Alfred William Hayes, 184-Lawrence Jack Stayzer, Delbert Lowell Davidson, Ronald William Burnett, Edward Francis Worden, 195-Joseph Phillip Gold, Emmerson McKinney, James A. Martin, Ross Conklin, John M. Martin, Adam Edward Piechocki, Emile Enyedy, 198-Albert Gordon Bradley, Lorne William Johnston, Roy Frederick Townes, Eldon Wesley Matches, Joseph Wilfred Sirois, James Allan Smith, 205-Albert Richmond Hill, Harry Cox, James Andrew Gates, Everett Valleau, Joseph Gibson, John Donald Edmonds, George Edward Beckett, George A. Kilner, 210-Bert Lint Nevers, 212-Samuel A. Silverstein, Max Rotstein, Joseph Silverberg, Harry Kuttner, Samuel Solomon Sugar, Harry Loomer, Bernard Segal, Henry Goldberg, 213-Chester Mervyn MacElwee, Roy Douglas Monahan, Helge Kleven, James L. Wyatt, 214-Donald Hugh McLachlan, 215-Clyde Avon Louttit, 218-Cecil Alexander Oliver, Thomas David Callaghan, 220-Arthur Prezio, William Allan Marshall, William Ball Chisholm, 221-Don J. MacGillivray, 221-William Fennell, 222-Francis Knowles Payne, 222-John Irwin Hitsman, Merrill Gordon Mersereau, Mossman R. Leishman, John M.P. MacLean, 223-Wallace Layte, Albert William Abercrombie, 224-Charles C. Watson, James Gavin, 226-Clarence Arthur Ennis, John David Gardiner, William George Robb, Eugene Ross Pigden, 230-Albert George Lennox, Ross Hawley, James Dodds McCrea, 232-John James Walford, Arthur Prezio, James Gerald Johnson, 233-Bryan Cyril Alford, 234-Donald Costley, 236-George Stanley Parke, John Nelson Aldridge, 238-Harry Lawrence Dorkin, Donald Angus Cumming, 241-Eugene Graybiel Zavitz, Murray Henry Riehl, James Stuart Christie, 243-John Crowther, 245-George Edward Oliver, 247-Frederick John Putt, Arthur Edward Snelgrove, George Tucker, Ewart W. Jolliffe, Arthur William Hobbs, Gordon Reif, Arthur Fredereck Mandy, Victor Isaac Bond, 249-Leonard Carl Bradley, Gordon Harold Stevens, 252-Harold Raymond Blundell, Kenneth Frederick Riggs, William Yukish, Henry Emile Kallio, Stanley Phillip Goodfellow, Percival Wilfred Corns, Douglas Charles Teskey, 254-Edwin A. Switzer, William Michael Dzyngel, Samuel James Mundell, Gary Robert Norman, David Dormer, 257-Kenneth Reginald Shore, 261-John Hodgson, 262-Douglas Reading, Joseph Cheatley, William Crichton, Gerald Alfred Manuel, 266-David L. Ward, 267-John Morgan Jinks

DEMITTED 1997

1-Rodney Victor Coyne 2-Donald James Deponeo 3-Rano Channan 5-Robert Arthur Mortimer 6-James Fairman 7-Ross Sheldon Burt, Ernest Clifford Saigle, Clinton Eugene Woodbeck 8-James Chadwick, Leonard Carl Wagner, Leonard Hirst, Robert Kenneth Mearns, James Edward Cox, David William Sanderson 15-William Ray Taylor, Larry Wm Hector Goldsmith, Leslie Milewicz, William Henry Myers 16-William James Loper, William Charles Wimperis 18-Bruce Alan Force 19-James Albert Mantini, Lorne Allan Goodman 20-John MacFarlane Algar, William David Barton, Harold Alexander Telfer, William George Muckler 22-Franklin AB Perkins 23-George Craig Green, Rodney Douglas Smith, Craig William Smith 26-John Douglas Arbuckle, Alan Martin Lamb 27-William John Sharp, Warren Richard Cooke, Ronald James Emo, Alexander Stanley Boyce 28-Harry Anderson, Bertie Scott, Murray Everett Brant, Harry B. Robbins 29-Lloyd William Smith, Sydney Woodland 35-Robert David Simpson 36-Charles Wilson, John Lewis Madill, Glen Harris, Clarence Rea Gibson, Norman John Thomas 37-James Perry Wedsworth, Paul Selas Clark 40-James Milton Sinclair, Carlton John Eales, Fraser Whitbread 46-Frank O'Reiley 47-Barry William Phelps, Jamie Cons 53-Thomas Llewellyn McNally, Kenneth Roland Colwell, Gary Edward Franks, Peter John Polkinghorne 54-Richard Lee Evans

55-Eric W Turner 56-John Douglas MacDonald, Russell Lorne Siegrist 59-Paul V David, John Jackson, Ross M Duncan 61-Donald J Conrad Elliott 63-Trevor Ramsdale 64-Walter Jesse (Rev) Lewis 67-Kenneth Thomas Engelstad 68-Harry J Pratt, Howard E Merkley 72-Robert James Ewing 76-Charles Delbert Robinson 79-Douglas Robert MacKay, Bruce Murray Grimbly 84-Eldon Paul Acton 90-Walter Nicholson, James William Wilson, Edmond Joseph Marten Corbett, William Devins, Terence Edward Lee 91-Edward Thomas Brennan 94-James Clayton Harrison, Rober Levi Wilkinson Smith, Robert James Morrow, Donald Charles Thomas, James Thomas (Rev) McVeigh 95-Patrick Harold Condon 102-Sidney John Hilderley, Peter Fehr, James A Kohut, Frank Hunt, Gene Eric Stone 103-Neil Earl Cornthwaite 104-Stuart Closson Way, William R Denison, Robet Clive Hitchmough, John Michael Peters 110-David Trotter, Frederick Hagerman 113-Philip A Tinker, Thomas Joseph Cronin, David Arthur Ashcroft, Thomas Harland 117-Norman Henry Platz, Basil Albert Watchorn, Donald Bruce Gillespie, Alan Robert Taylor 130-John Barker, Lorne Attenborough, Grand Howard Parnell 133-David Francis Thompson 135-David Haydon Jones, Frank Bradey 138-Gordon Michael Goodfellow, Charles Michie Crawford, Donald HW Joy 140-Wallace Edward Bryan, Desmond M Curran, Douglas Anderson Gregory 145-William David McMillan, Christopher W Stalker, John Henry Dean 150-Bruce Albert Waymouth 151-Walter B Rendell, Alex Richards 152-William Wilmer Mosbeck, David Campbell Hughes, John Eric Winik, Roy Allan Ragnar Goranson 167-James Lavern Wright 168-Theodore Reddick Brown, David Ralph Locke 175-George Clifford 184-Alan Norman Baker 198-Gordon Ellesworth Smith, William George Grant 205-Robert Hoyt Heyworth, Selim Mana, Ronald Ian Murray, Ivan Graham, Robert Garfield Snare, Paul Fred Tolley, Kirk Michael McKay, Andrew Frank Snare, Johnny P Chua 210-William Merrill Horricks, James Shaw Walker 214-Douglas Stephen Cassidy 218-James Westlake 220-Samuel McCarroll, Frank Dooley, Makato Umemura, William Russell, Charles William Emmett, Vincent Joseph Kubiak, James Thomas Moreau 222-Robert Fitzgerald Gordon, Francis Frederick Thistle, James Caulfield Fernie 224-John Roswell Tough, Brian Tutty 232-Derek Stephen A McPhail, Percy Green 233-Thomas McKay Palmer, Gordon Roberts, John Carson Mateer, Frederick Bernard Travis 234-Robert Samuel McMaster 235-Donald Coombes, Ronald G Hadley 236-Robert J Bell 238-George Lance Stanley Brown, Edward Andrew Neal 241-Robert K McKean, Arthur R Jackson, Pentti Warner Niemi 243-John Gilbert Varley, Colin McManus, Augustus Thomas, Graham John Shanks, John McGragh, Harold Ron MacFarlane, Winston Blake McClelland 245-Mark John Hendry 247-David Ferguson 249-Archie McNichol 251-William Harold Fennell 252-Christopher Charles Avery 255-William Norman Chamberlain 257-Gordon Taylor Matheson 260-James Knowles Mitchell, Ronald Robert Cook 261-Michael Bickerton, Howard Dewar 262-Michael Bond, Andrew Cook.

SUSPENDED 1997

5-Thomas Young Drennan, James Dorlin Sharman, Michael William Leahy 6-James Real, 7-Derek Thomas White, Ernest Joseph Kells, Ernest Colbourne, Donald McInroy, George Roblin, Vassos Zodiates, Jerry Saleh, John Sallons 8-David Lloyd Tennant 15-Robert Philip Brown 19-Samuel Ingram Lusty 27-Frederick Martin, Dieter Schreyer, Ernest Ronald Raynor, John Aukema, William Craig Brodie, Douglas Kells, Thomas Kells, Peter Bowman, Jeff Smith 28-George Laverne Wilson, Alan Norman Attersley, James Millar Scott, Henry Harrison White, Graham Bilboe, Michael Matwichuk, Michael Fitzpatrick 29-Frederick Bruce MacDonald, Ernest Albert Honeywell 31-Richard Alwyn Owen 34-Wilfred Ernest Lockyer 35-Joseph Henry Southwell, Eric Von Maydell, George McMillan, Stephen Vernon Street, David Stanley Spence, Donald John McRae, David Aspden 36-George Graham Hadden 41-Bruce Charles McGregor 44-Gregory Maxwell Drew 47-Robert Lee Paxton

54-Harry S. Shortt 56-John Blair Murrels 59-John Dennis Silburn, Thomas Moran 62-Elwin Sheffield, William Harrington McAfee 64-James Holt 71-Stanley Cope 72-Wayne Edward Wannamaker 76-Roy Evans Vilneff 79-John MacLeod, Emil Jung, Robert Roy Crilly, Hanna Mansour, Robert Lloyd Davis, Ronald Stanley Edmunds, Joseph Ismael D'Souza, William Harrington McAfee, Elwin Sheffield 94-Thomas Henry Everson, James Bryan Margerson, Christopher David Wilson, William Charles Wood 95-Ronald Clinton Werden 110-Bruce Westgate Scott 113-Michael Remer, Neil Alexander McGregor, Neil Edward Graham, Brian Quart 117-Matthew Palm, Richard Leon Rosch 131-Kenneth Bradley McKay 145-Robert Alan Eagleson, 149-Kirk Patrick Earl Carroll 151-Earl William Bunke, Victor Charles Hale 175-Thomas Edward Ion, Scott Percival Shedden, Keith Denzil Phillips 198-Peter James Glazier, Duane Erwin Goerke, Lawrence Damase Folz 205-Gordon George Namos, Louis Upiter, Nicholas Kamaris, Atef Rashid, Gerald William Potter, Saher Rizek, Guries Mazzawi, Ian Kennedy 212-Carl H. Platt 213-Morris Abby Feldman 214-Richard Arts 221-Duncan Anderson Lowden 222-Thomas Albert Wilkinson, John David Lyon, Gerald Paul Trudel, James Arthur Caldwell, Ahdy Roshdy Garas, Jean-Pierre Dany 224-Daniel Morgan Sandy, Arvid Norman Karlsen, Michael Boyle 230-Thomas Masters Howes 233-Kenneth Milne Flavell 245-William Miller Dobie 247-William Blakely Mather 249-Wayne Douglas Fogg 262-William Crichton

REINSTATED 1997

3-Robert John Biggins, Jeffery Gordon Duncan, 5-William P. Duncan, 6-Geoffrey Spence Allan, 8-Jack Joseph Poutney, 16-Garry John Hyde, 32-Jack Sutton, Lyle William Havens, 34-James Stewart Folliot, 75-Lachlan Rupert McKersie, 78-Arthur Gaiser, 90-Ross Garnet Sillery, 104- Russell Soady, 114-John Gordon Fletcher, 138-Nebojsa Djordjevic, 155-William Daniel Geddes, 169-Stanley Gibson Utley, 198-Raymond Sidney James Daniels, 222-Donald Hunter Perkins, Richard Leslie Amey, 230-John Stuart Shaw, 234-Donald Costley

DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

1-RA Paddle, D Dale 2-T Corrin, AT Fuller, JW Reid, FD Draker, WJ Curtis 3- J Charno, JA Finch, F Cotton, DR Banks 5-V Govan, R Fletcher, A Messenger, S Eldridge, H Jackson 6-A Mouriopoulos, D Washer, A Jansz, W Cowell 7-C Faulkner, K Campbell, A Haines, WJN Throop 8-R Denison, E deBeaupre, K Douglas, W Luter, P Emslie, ME Easey 15-D Emerick, K Mielkie, RA Cadwallader 16-EP Sally, JG Pell, DP Smallman, MW Watling, MJS Sastre, GG Fowlow 18- J Sutherland, H Ketchabaw, C Sly 19-W Klapatiuk, L Shedden, D Laskey, J Shedden 20-R Todd, WD Boone 22-S Hall, P Martin, ME Jenkins 23- HT Todd 26-R MacDonald, JH Chambers, WA Robison 27-S Connors, B Auchterlonie, W Oldham 28-C Fillmore, G Smith, J Magee, E Duck, W Esplen, G Robbins, F Whalley, G Gifford, G Gifford, W Perryman, RE Temperton, RH McKelvie 29-J Hodgen, G Deavu, R McMaster, J Barich 30-I Keuls 31-DA King 32-J Freer, L Miller, D Attridge 34-C Coursey, G Roane, I Montague 35-J Janacek, E Ounjian 36-G Hurley, EL Shaw, J Hutchinson, VE Young, W Collinson 37-B Keighley, CE Bryans, FE Guy 40-J McCusker, J Byrom, A Roy 41-M Bowman 44-A Orr, G LeGier, J Troyer 46-RL Stevenson 47-HM Dunlop 48-D Ward, J Beedham 54-R Erickson, MJ Brown, GR Jackson, RJ Jackson 55-S Wheat, B Nehring, N Ring 57- D Barlow, J Bye, R Smallbone, A Etling, R Wylie 59-G Todd 61-G Graves 64-J Elliott, B Penwarden 67-WH Forbes, T Stobo, WG Speers 68-N Jones 71-H Carter, W Lynd, J Murphy, M Fletcher, H Carter 72-AA Foote 73-JT Saunders, EA Kerr 75-J Hough, D Winkworth, E Joyce, P Barr, E Ramsbottom, E Evans 76-K Green 77-GW Kerr, W Glover, L Katona, P Park, W Boston, E Buscombe, C Emmett, RA Mendeveille

79-R Foerster, J Doherty, S Boyko, I Nichols, G Robinson, D Niven, RK Johnson, D Martyn, B Waldron, G Vardy, J Hallam, C Meldrum, R Harrison, F Garvin 81-B Worthington, G Sinden, , B Segui 83-B Edwards, JK Lowery, D Greenwood 84-D Landridge, F Lewis, G Cowman 91-MS Black 94-D Parrott, A Skilling 95-DE Belfry, GW White, AG Fudge, JW McGill, GW Chambers 102-B Slingsby, KJ McCracken, GB Parsons 103-AE Grove, D Ball, T Hargrave 104-EW MacKenzie, CW MacPhail, GP Humes, ED Warren, R Parliament, JAR Shaw 110-W Armstrong 113-W Bulbeck, B Sixsmith 114-GE Cross, DG Brydges 117-LWB Brown, JN Pattison, C Sherwood, WB Miller, TR Brown, AG Wolfe, T Peyton 119-W Tofflemire, H Coomber, L Hostine 130-F Richardson, JA Ryan, G Leishman 131-C Noble, J Ewing, GW Hotham 133-MR Rodgers, GH Patterson 135-J Ross, WJ Morgan 138-N Joseph, A Davidson, J Mathers, J Galarneau, R Young 140-F Gronski 145-A Maitland, J Gerrard 150-E Carson 155-T Fiddes, R Ross, A Bourne, R Norsworthy, R Hurst 167-E Robertson, D Walker, A Walker 168-JB Parsons 169-WD Praskey, VRO Praskey 175-W Holcombe, W Stanfield, A Cree, E McGillivray, F Rysanek, D Rogers, A Watson, E Cassidy 184-H Winslow, K Woodhouse, D Parker 195-AR Jackson, JD Dorris, LO Dawley, RS Wylie, J Lyall, RF Russell, BS Fowler, JF Post, TD Armstrong, AP McLeod, WD Laycock 198-B Simpson, JAD Plant 205-R Purslaw, RA Whitmarsh, J Brown, B Stapley 212-TW Bliss 213-TDF Pachal, WD Amendola 218-D Epps 220-BA Downes, RJ Varley, J Oldham, MJ Duke, CG Sinclair, DF Kline, D Feedie 221-D Christie, H Stump 222-GT Jones, MJ Moor, JR Marshall, OG Wickerson 224-WH Fulton, LK Evans, EL Burns, PA James, WG Birnie, TC Bates 226-TA Poole 230-D Grightmire, D Craig, R Tahiste, E Carr, GJ Carr, H Hubbell, GH Stuart 232-A McDonald, GPR Webster, G Fisher, H Turner, W Massey 233-P Scott, A McLelland, B Bond 234-J Lilly, V Games, W Goodman, P Barrow, T Massena 235-E Simon, D Walden 236-T Pocock, G Harvey, R McClung 241-A Swaffield, ED Drew, E Elcombe 243-W Mercer, G Fairbairn, S Rhodes, W Best 245-T Burscough, JC Bowman, DB Kaufman 247-D Gent, PA Russell, GC Alblas, EL Reeves 248-J Hill 249-J Hartwell, R Abernethy, B Bridges, G McCormick, K Dewar, D Tillcock, K Bromely, F Le Gresley 252-G O'Dell 255-M Meharg, R Phillips 257-RB Campbell 260-G Gahs 261-G Jennings 262-GE Smith, DE Jackson, JB Gibbs, WT Reynolds, EF Walters, TR Binns, GM Stewart, N Byrne, G Parker 264-DH Paisley, S Crockatt, BM LoPatriello 265-J Richel, R Carter, S Boomhour, BD Lamont 266-RR Berday, C Henderson.

Statistical Report of Membership

No.	Chapter	Memb 1996	Reg Memb	Comm Memb	Memb 1997	Advanced Rest	Affil	Died	Susp	Demit	Prev Yr Adj
1	Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui	76	61	17	78	4	0	1	3	0	1
2	The Hiram	82	52	27	79	0	0	2	4	0	1
3	St. John's	117	71	47	118	6	0	0	4	0	1
4	St. Andrew & St. John	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	St. George's	109	63	39	102	1	0	0	4	3	1
6	St. John's	113	71	42	113	1	0	1	3	1	1
7	Quinte Friendship Moira	185	111	64	175	4	0	2	6	8	3
8	King Solomon's	195	169	24	193	7	0	0	1	1	1
15	Wawanosh	111	56	47	103	0	1	1	3	1	6
16	Carlton	194	122	69	191	2	0	0	3	0	4
18	Oxford	103	62	41	103	2	0	0	3	0	2
19	Mount Moriah	158	97	53	150	5	0	0	1	0	1
20	Brant - Mount Horeb	81	66	13	79	3	1	0	6	1	2
22	Grenville	47	40	5	45	1	0	0	4	0	4
23	Regal - Ezra	67	44	16	60	1	0	0	2	0	1
24	Tecumseh	119	86	33	119	0	0	0	3	0	3
26	St. Mark's	66	51	15	66	3	0	0	0	0	0
27	Manitou	77	49	10	59	1	0	0	3	0	2
28	Pentalpha	123	92	25	117	5	0	0	7	9	1
29	McCallum - Grimsby	48	72	7	79	1	0	0	1	7	4
30	Huron	68	53	12	65	0	0	0	2	2	35
31	Prince Edward	91	71	18	89	0	0	0	3	0	0
32	Waterloo	84	76	7	83	1	0	1	1	0	0
34	Signet	115	44	73	117	4	0	0	1	0	0
35	Keystone	87	60	21	81	3	0	1	2	1	1
36	Corinthian	201	128	67	195	4	3	0	7	1	5
37	Victoria	83	69	11	80	0	0	0	0	0	2
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40	Guelph	112	74	35	109	3	1	0	0	3	-1
41	Harris	52	28	22	50	2	0	0	1	0	
44	Mount Sinai	53	32	18	50	1	0	0	1	0	-1
46	St. James	57	52	5	57	3	0	0	0	1	
47	Wellington - MacNabb	74	63	9	72	3	0	0	1	2	
48	St. John's	40	35	3	38	1	0	0	0	0	
53	Bruce - Sombra	97	59	31	90	0	0	0	0	4	
54	Palestine	250	51	190	241	0	0	0	1	1	
55	Niagara	52	40	14	54	3	0	1	0	1	
56	Georgian	85	66	23	89	5	0	1	1	2	1
57	King Hiram	50	43	6	49	0	0	0	1	0	
59	Sussex - St. Lawrence	142	97	38	135	3	0	0	4	3	-1
61	Maple - Granite	89	80	7	87	2	0	0	0	1	
63	Havelock	64	56	6	62	0	0	0	1	1	
64	Willson	87	70	18	88	4	0	0	1	1	
66	The Malloch	24	17	7	24	0	0	0	0	0	
67	Enterprise	43	32	10	42	0	0	0	0	1	
68	Maitland	60	51	5	56	1	0	0	3	2	
69	Grimsby	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-37
71	Windsor	178	110	63	173	3	0	0	1	0	-2
72	Keystone	78	69	9	78	2	1	0	1	1	-1
73	Erie - Blenheim	125	104	18	122	6	0	1	4	0	-6
74	Beaver	78	72	9	81	2	1	0	0	0	
75	St. Clair	66	66	1	67	2	0	0	1	0	
76	Mount Nebo	33	25	6	31	0	0	0	1	1	1
77	Occident	68	61	15	76	8	0	1	1	0	
78	Minnewawa	71	48	22	70	2	0	0	3	0	
79	Orient	160	120	36	156	7	0	4	9	2	
81	Aylmer	103	100	7	107	2	0	1	3	0	4
82	Shuniah	126	93	35	128	2	1	1	2	0	

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83	Ionic	68	62	8	70	1	2	2	0	0	
84	Lebanon	51	36	14	50	2	0	1	0	1	-1
90	Golden	93	85	0	85	1	0	3	0	5	-1
91	Toronto Antiquity	81	44	35	79	1	0	1	0	1	
94	Midland	106	81	18	99	2	0	1	4	5	1
95	Tuscan	197	108	88	196	2	0	2	1	1	
102	Algonquin	114	98	9	107	0	1	0	0	5	-1
103	St. John's	118	91	24	115	3	0	5	0	1	
104	White Oak	84	54	26	80	2	0	2	0	4	
110	Warkworth	36	33	0	33	1	0	1	1	2	
113	Covenant - St. John's	110	80	22	102	1	0	1	4	4	
114	Bonnechere	36	33	0	33	0	0	2	0	0	-1
117	Kitchener	119	86	32	118	2	1	3	0	4	-1
119	King Cyrus	96	59	40	99	3	0	0	0	0	
129	Elliot	56	51	4	55	0	0	1	0	0	
130	Chantry	62	48	12	60	3	0	2	0	3	
131	Amabel	73	59	11	70	2	0	4	1	0	
133	St. Francis	131	110	15	125	1	0	6	0	1	
134	King Darius	32	9	19	28	0	0	3	0	0	-1
135	Sucoth	24	21	2	23	1	0	1	0	2	
138	Shekinah	146	90	52	142	2	0	3	0	3	
140	Fort William	65	59	2	61	0	0	0	0	4	
144	Presqu'ile	35	32	1	33	0	0	2	0	0	
145	The St. Patrick	83	46	34	80	2	0	3	1	3	
146	Bernard	50	49	2	51	2	0	1	0	0	
147	Lucknow	34	33	1	34	0	1	1	0	0	
148	St. John's	27	26	0	26	0	0	1	0	0	
149	Atwood	15	14	0	14	0	0	0	1	0	
150	London	94	60	27	87	0	0	3	0	1	-3
151	Laurentian	64	55	4	59	1	0	1	2	2	-1

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152	Albion	125	114	8	122	2	0	1	0	4	
155	Ancaster	51	49	3	52	2	0	1	0	0	
167	Kichikewana	100	63	38	101	2	0	1	0	1	
168	Ionic	61	49	9	58	1	0	2	0	2	
169	Temiskaming	32	30	1	31	0	0	1	0	0	
175	The Hamilton	77	70	6	76	4	0	2	3	1	1
184	Hugh Murray	66	65	2	67	6	0	4	0	1	
195	Peel	127	64	58	122	2	0	7	0	0	
198	Couchiching	102	51	44	95	3	0	6	3	2	
205	Victoria	124	116	49	165	4	0	8	8	9	62
210	Kitchener	54	49	5	54	3	0	1	0	2	
212	Mount Sinai	275	36	235	271	3	0	8	1	0	
213	Northern Lights	54	36	14	50	1	0	4	1	0	
214	Vimy	43	23	18	41	1	0	1	1	1	
218	Prince Edward	46	42	2	44	0	0	2	0	1	1
220	Lebanon	99	74	23	97	6	1	3	0	7	
221	Durham	58	55	2	57	2	0	2	1	0	
222	Ottawa	149	116	24	140	3	0	5	6	3	1
223	Abitibi	34	35	0	35	2	0	2	0	0	
224	Keystone	89	41	44	85	2	0	2	3	2	-1
226	Prince of Wales	92	16	75	91	3	0	4	0	0	
230	Port Credit	69	56	12	68	3	0	3	1	0	
232	King Cyrus	74	50	22	72	2	0	3	0	2	1
233	Oakwood	62	46	14	60	2	0	1	1	4	1
234	Halton	63	54	3	57	2	0	1	0	1	-6
235	Aurora	84	49	35	84	1	0	0	0	2	1
236	Caledonia	38	28	8	36	1	0	2	0	1	
238	The St. Andrew	127	98	33	131	8	0	2	0	2	-1
241	University	143	121	19	140	3	0	3	0	3	
243	McKay	69	42	19	61	0	0	4	1	7	-4

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245	Preston	48	46	1	47	2	0	1	1	1	
247	Nilestown	124	58	58	116	0	2	8	1	1	
248	Dochert	46	44	2	46	0	0	0	0	0	
249	Palestine	70	58	9	67	1	0	2	1	1	
251	Kirkland	44	29	14	43	0	0	0	0	1	
252	Hiawatha	244	108	130	238	2	0	7	0	1	
254	Golden Star	142	82	57	139	2	0	5	0	0	
255	Tilsonburg	79	49	31	80	4	0	0	0	1	-2
257	Espanola	90	77	13	90	1	0	1	0	1	1
260	Centennial	49	33	14	47	0	0	0	0	2	
261	Seguin	64	56	6	62	1	0	1	0	2	
262	King David	68	57	8	65	2	1	3	1	2	
264	Tecumseth	74	21	56	77	3	0	0	0	0	
265	Brampton	76	10	66	76	0	0	0	0	0	
266	Kenogamisis	30	26	3	29	0	0	1	0	0	
****Total****		11558	7954	3266	11220	253	16	48	309	113	202
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3	St. John's	V Ex Comp. William K Macrow	77 Queen Mary Cr., London, N6H 4B5
5	St. George's	Ex Comp. Roy Fletcher	40 Robinson Lane, London, N5X 3V3
6	St. John's	R Ex Comp. William A Cowell	12 Seaton Pl. Dr., Stoney Creek, L8E 3E5
7	Quinte Friendship Moira	R Ex Comp. William Goodfellow	54 Craig St., Belleville, K8P 2K1
8	King Solomon's	V Ex Comp. Maurice E Easey	121 Lawrence Ave. W., Toronto, M5M 1A7
15	Wawanosh	Ex Comp. Kenneth B Mielkie	1614 Lena Ct., Sarnia, N7T 7H4
16	Carlton	R Ex Comp. Malcolm W Watling	121 Bradford St., Ottawa, K2B 5Y9
18	Oxford	V Ex Comp. George D Acres	RR 1, Woodstock, N4S 7V6
19	Mount Moriah	R Ex Comp. David Laskey	95 Nichole Cres, Kitchener, N2E 2Z5
20	Brant-Mount Horeb	Comp. John Wren	57 Ashgrove Ave., Brantford, N3R 6E3
22	Grenville	V Ex Comp. M E Jenkins	R R. No 2, Prescott, K0E 1T0
23	Regal-Ezra	V Ex Comp. Thomas A Pow	11 Sowden Dr., Simcoe, N3Y 4Y5
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26	St. Mark's	Ex Comp. James H Chambers	12 Thorncliffe Dr., Belleville, K8P 4L4
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28	Pentalpha	Ex Comp. William G. Esplen	5 Robinson Cres., Whitby, L1N 6W6
29	McCallum-Grimbsy	V Ex Comp. Leslie Gimblett	810 John St., Dunnville, N1A 2R6
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31	Prince Edward	R Ex Comp. Donald A King	P.O. Box 2250, Picton, K0K 2T0
32	Waterloo	V Ex Comp. Howard F. Clarke	149 St. Andrews St., Cambridge, N1S 1N2
34	Signet	R Ex Comp. Charles Coursey	441 Edgehill Dr., Barrie, L4M 4S4
35	Keystone	R Ex Comp. Douglas Overy	113 Clover Ridge Dr. E., Ajax, L1S 1H1
36	Corinthian	Ex Comp. William H Collinson	51 Nevin Ave., Peterborough, K9J 6E7
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REPORT OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

This Committee is pleased to report the good news that this Committee has had no matters referred to it during the past year.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee would like to thank The Grand First Principal for selecting the Companions who have toiled with enthusiasm on the Bursary Committee. Your confidence in our ability to perform the task at hand is appreciated. We thank the Grand Superintendents of the various Districts of our Grand Chapter for their time and help with the presentations of the Bursary Awards to the students. To the First Principal's of the sponsoring Chapters, thank you for allowing the presentations to be made in your Chapter Rooms. To see the student's faces of appreciation when handed their Bursary Awards is rewarding to both the students and to the Companions watching the presentations.

A total of thirty-four applications were received for review by this Committee. Of these, thirty-one were accepted and three rejected. For those accepted, thirteen were for first year students totalling \$2100.00. Second year students five, totalling \$1250.00; third year students, five totalling \$1750.00; and fourth year students eight totalling \$3600.00; for a sub-total of \$8250.00.

There was also a \$1000.00 Bursary Award to the University of Toronto Medical School, for a grand total for 1997-1998 of \$9250.00 being awarded to students who were relatives of Companions sponsored by the Chapters in our Grand Chapter. We congratulate the students and we wish them well in their studies. We hope that these Bursaries will help in some way to achieve their goals in their quest for higher education. On the serious side of the Bursary Committee, with lower and lower investment rates earning interest on our Bursary investments, and lower donations being made to the Grand Chapter Capital Fund, it is becoming extremely difficult to have the necessary funds needed to meet the needs of the students each year.

I urge each and everyone of you too go back to your Chapters and challenge your fellow Companions to donate \$1.00 per member per year to the Grand Chapter Bursary Capital Fund.

One dollar, not even the price of a large cup of coffee at "Tim Hortons", collected by each of the Chapters would put into the Capital Fund \$11,250.00, this is based on membership numbers for 1996. Donations of \$10.00 or more would receive a tax receipt. Imagine what could happen, and I say, needs to happen, each and every year to insure that our Royal Arch Children will be able to receive these Bursary Awards from our Grand Chapter. This would also enable us to expand the eligibility of who could receive these Bursaries. In the meeting with the Grand Superintendents - Elect, this challenge was given to them so that they would encourage it to happen in the Chapters in their Districts for next year. How pleasing it would be for the Chairman of this Committee to stand before you next year and say "We did it", each Chapter has accepted the challenge and donated \$1.00 per member. Only you Companions can make this reality happen. Don't rely on the other Companions to put your \$1.00 into the donation box. Beat him to it and say yes, I have already contributed.

Respectfully submitted by: V.Ex.Comp. Dennis Langridge, V.Ex.Comp. Fred Lewis, V.Ex.Comp. Robert Wylie, R.Ex.Comp. Donald Gillis, R.Ex.Comp. Bruce Miller, R.Ex.Comp. Michel Sastre, R.Ex.Comp. David Laskey, Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R. Ex. Comp., Harry D. Turner and seconded by myself, R. Ex. Comp. David Laskey, Chairman, that this report be received by the Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I am very pleased to report that no matters have been referred to the Committee during the past year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted: V.Ex.Comp. John V Lawer, Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, V.Ex.Comp. John V Lawer, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

This committee has had a very busy term of office with Open House meetings in Aurora, Pickering, Orangeville, Brighton, Ottawa, Sudbury and Port Colborne, a Strawberry Festival in Stouffville, The Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Toronto, the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Scottish Rite Building in Hamilton and The Supreme Council of '33°

Scottish Rite Masons held at Barrie and we set up our Grand Chapter Display in the Grand Lodge display tent at the 1997 International Plowing Match in Ivy, Ontario as well as two Grand Superintendent's District meetings of instruction. We were represented at most of M.Ex.Comp. Russell's visitations within this jurisdiction with, on most occasions, half of the committee in attendance. In all, the committee has visited in fourteen of the sixteen Districts in Ontario. We apologize to New Ontario District No. 15 and Temiskaming District No. 16. There just wasn't enough time.

The Display was on loan to St. Lawrence District No. 12 for two weeks where R.Ex.Comp. Roland A. Paddle, Grand Superintendent, R.Ex.Comp. Walter Bulbeck, Past Grand Superintendent, and Ex.Comp. Walter Anger, District No. 12 Public Relations Chairman, had it set up at a number of special events.

Grand chapter received one special request to exalt three Most Excellent Masters to the Holy Royal Arch. The Public Relations Committee Chairman was assigned to organize a Degree Team of Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers to perform that duty. The degree was put on in a most exemplary fashion with nineteen Right or Very Excellent Companions participating. We thank each of you.

During this term we were invited to speak on Royal Arch Masonry at three Craft Lodge Meetings and a speaking engagement at The St. Patricks Chapter No. 145 Newmarket on the Mark Master Mason degree in Ontario. We extend a special thanks to R.Ex.Comp. James Reid, our Grand Historian, for his most valued assistance in the research for this assignment. We have been invited to speak at Peel Chapter No. 195 in April to discuss Grand Chapter functions and why it is important to attend the Grand Convocation.

On the same evening as the Royal Arch Degree, we were requested to conduct an Open House at Oakwood Chapter in Pickering. I would be remiss if I didn't extend a special thank you to R.Ex.Comp. Ed Ounjian, my predecessor, for stepping in and working with Ex.Comp. Bill Glover even though he had to cancel an important personal engagement. R.Ex.Sir your dedication to Capitular Masonry is unimpeachable and an example that we all can but strive to imitate.

Special Thanks is most gratefully extended to our renowned photographer R.Ex.Comp. William Birnie, Grand Scribe Nehemiah. R.Ex.Comp. Birnie has traveled across Ontario taking appropriate pictures at the various events and supplying a copy to this committee for the display. R.Ex. Sir, without your generosity, our work would have been much more difficult indeed. Thank you.

Most Excellent Companion Russell, I and all of the Public Relations Committee, thank you for your confidence in us. I have had and I'm sure the whole committee has had, a most enjoyable Masonic year that we are not likely to soon forget.

There are others that I must recognize. My wife Susan has attended most of our functions and assisted in setting up and dismantling our display. Audrey deBeaupre has been with us and even provided meals for us at some of the events and Gemma Glover has also attended meetings and prepared food for the weary. Without their much appreciated assistance our work would have been very arduous. We thank them for their support.

As Chairman of this Committee, I wish to thank the Committee Members for all of their faithfulness and always being willing to take on any task that was assigned to them.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Public Relations Committee, R.Ex.Comps. Sheldon Boomhour, Chairman, Malcolm W. Watling, Donald B. Smallman, John Lyall, Richard W. Stevenson, V.Ex.Comps. Shayne H. Eldridge, Leslie O. Dawley, Eugene deBeaupre and Ex.Comp. William Glover.

Moved by Harry D. Turner, Grand Second Principal and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Sheldon Boomhour, that this report be accepted and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Benevolence wishes to report that for the period April 1997 through to April 1998, three applications for Benevolence were received and approved and a sum of \$2600.00 was dispersed. Of these three I would like to report on one specific grant, a lady who has had such a difficult life commencing from childhood and has managed to cope and yet be cheerful and has raised with the help of her husband, two boys. A medical report on this lady is many, many pages long, but it is summed up by a Doctor at the McMaster University Hospital and I quote; "This woman who, despite her physical disabilities, normally has an amazing attitude. She is finding it increasingly difficult to soldier on! Please note that this lady is impaired in every aspect of her life. All of her activities of living are affected. She has difficulty with balance, endurance, power and sleep. Moreover, her problems are progressive. She has increasing musculoskeletal complaints. She is unable to afford many of the things that she needs to improve the quality of her life."

I am pleased to report that through the generous response of your Grand Chapter Committee on Benevolence, the Grand Lodge Committee on Benevolence, the Hamilton Districts Relief Association and others, some of these needs have been met. It has been a difficult proposition for this lady when you consider that a pair of custom made orthopaedic shoes costs \$1200.00.

I relate this story to not only appraise the Companions of some of our benevolent work, but to awaken in them the need to become more aware of any members of our Royal Arch family who may be in circumstances that require our assistance. We encourage all Grand Superintendents to appoint a chairman of benevolence for their District and to recommend to their Chapters the value of a Chapter Chairman of Benevolence. In this way we may insure that our Companions and their families are not overlooked in their time of need.

In conclusion M.Ex. Sir, I thank you on behalf of the Committee for the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter and I also express my appreciation to the Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J. Duke for his courtesy and assistance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee, R. Ex. Companions James Reid and C. Gordon Sinclair, Kenneth L. Whiting , Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner and seconded by myself, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE SCRIBES EZRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Scribes Ezra Advisory committee is pleased to submit this report for our activities this 1997/98 Masonic year. During the first half of the year we accomplished revisions of the following forms: TGC04 Proxy, TGC05 Nomination Form, TGC07 Petition for Degrees, TGC09 Registration of Candidates and TGC18 Registration of Restoration.

The second half of our year has been devoted to a complete revision of the Scribes Ezra manual. The original manual was issued in 1992, and much of the information contained, has changed. Many of the form numbers have changed and it was time to revise this much used book. We are pleased to report that the task has been completed, and the results will be forwarded to the Scribe Ezra of all Chapters in a mailing that should occur in early May. We hope that the revised material will be welcomed by all who use this manual on a regular basis.

We would like to thank the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner, and the Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J. Duke for their input and counsel, as well and the many hours devoted to proof reading the many drafts. The Committee is in their debt.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Grand First Principal for his confidence in allowing me to chair this Committee, and my fellow Committee member, R.Ex.Comp. Ron McClung for his untiring eyes, in proofing our revisions. We consider it a privilege to have served our Grand Chapter this year.

Fraternally and sincerely submitted, on behalf of the Committee, R.Ex.Comp. Ronald McClung, V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner, seconded by myself, V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Throughout our 140 years as a Grand Chapter, we have been reminded from time to time, not "to survive on our past history and the accomplishments of our predecessors, but to enjoy and merit the approbation and confidence of society by enlisting under our banner men of the right calibre, who will not only understand, but appreciate our teachings, and be enabled to show forth its worth". - M.Ex.Comp. Albert A. Mortlock, Grand Chapter Proceedings 1987.

The Companions will note that the present Grand Chapter Royal Arch Banner with its heraldic devices "predate the era of this Grand Chapter and not only remind us of our original heritage, ancient customs and glorious past, but it also impels us to plan for an equally glorious future. The Holy Writ tells us - Let us not be weary, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

May the great watchwords of Royal Arch Masonry - Holiness to the Lord - emblazoned upon this Banner, remind us as well that we should by example and influence, inspire and promote the reverence, respect and homage which is due to the Great Jehovah". - M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H. Stuart, Grand Chapter Proceedings 1983.

Details of amalgamations and special Chapter events will be found in other Reports printed in the 1998 Proceedings.

Since the Grand Chapter Convocation in Kingston, April 1997, four Chapters have marked their Masonic year by a variety of Anniversary programmes.

The dispensation for authorizing the formation of Oakwood Chapter No. 233 was granted by Grand Chapter on February 11th, 1922 with the consecration and dedication of this Chapter being conducted in the Masonic Temple, 888 Yonge St., Toronto on April 20th, 1922 in the presence of a large gathering of Royal Arch Masons. At the conclusion of the beautiful ceremony a silver casserole was presented to the Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. R.H. Spencer, who accepted it in a most suitable and fitting manner.

Seventy-five years later on Tuesday, April 15th, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. Oakwood Chapter No. 233, Markham, Toronto District 8A celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a regular Convocation in the Pickering Masonic Hall and on Saturday, April 19th, 1997 at a special banquet with the ladies in attendance at the York Masonic Temple in Leaside, Toronto. The Chapter programme consisted of two parts; a comprehensive History of Oakwood Chapter No. 233 written and presented by R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth L. Whiting (copies were distributed to all). "It has been my distinct pleasure to record for our Companions of the future some of the history of the Chapter and some of the names of Companions who served with such dedication and love Oakwood Chapter. As we approach the new millennium, we beseech the Great Architect to bless the labours of the Companions of Oakwood Chapter for many years to come". - R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth L. Whiting. A Memorial Service written specifically for the 75th Anniversary Celebrations by the First Principal, Ex.Comp. Andrew L. McLelland immediately followed. Of special interest to all at the Saturday's banquet was the Toast to Oakwood Chapter No. 233 proposed by Ex.Comp. Hans T. Sanders, P.Z. of Port Credit Chapter No. 230. "75 years may not seem very long to many Masonic Bodies, but in to-day's world 75 years, representing approximately the average of man's life, is a long time - such is the pace of change.

Although we must not put too much pressure on our members, yet at the same time, we must constantly remind them that they receive something meaningful out of an organization, if they contribute in return. For the years to come many opportunities will be offered to us, increasing knowledge of the Craft in general, and engaging in our ancient rituals". - Ex.Comp. Hans T. Sanders

The Principals' Association of Royal Arch Masons of London District No. 2 jointly held its District Reception for the Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. R. Frank Russell and the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of The St. Andrew Chapter No. 238 on Saturday, May 10th, 1997 in the London Masonic Hall.

It was on a Saturday evening, April 29th, 1922 that twenty-two interested Royal Arch Masons met to organize a new Chapter. Instituted on May 10th, 1922, constituted on March 14th, 1923, and dedicated and consecrated on May 30th, 1923 the St. Andrew Chapter No. 238 began with 53 members.

Comp. Norman Ince was recognized by the Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. R. Frank Russell as a most recent and worthy recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Given for "unselfish service to others" this award was given to this Companion of 43 years because "faithful service should be rewarded because it is merited". The Toast to St. Andrew Chapter No. 238 was ably given by R.Ex.Comp. James Finch, Grand Superintendent of London District No. 2. A brief historical sketch of the distinguished service of this Chapter was given by Ex.Comp. Donald C. Dockstader, the I.P.Z. of The St. Andrew Chapter No. 238. The evening programme concluded with the entertainment provided by "The Carab Cana - Steel Band".

King Cyrus chapter No. 232, Toronto District 8A celebrated its 75th Anniversary on May 21st, 1997 at the York Masonic Temple in Toronto with a programme which featured the Ceremony of Installation for Companion and Most Worshipful Brother T. John Arthur (affiliated on January 20th, 1993) and the Ceremony of Remembrance, Rededication and Recommitment.

In 1921 the Masonic Lodges in the Parkdale area of Toronto were discussing the possibility of starting a Royal Arch Chapter. Companions from King Solomon, Antiquity, Occident and The St. Patrick Chapters held a meeting on December 5th, 1921. Companion Bart Sproule was elected Chairman. Officers were elected and the name King Cyrus was selected. They presented their request to Grand Chapter on February 22nd, 1922. - Seventy-fifth Anniversary Booklet of King Cyrus Chapter.

Standing applause greeted Ex.Comp. T. John Arthur following the Installation Ceremony which saw the Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. R. Frank Russell, six Past Grand First Principals and two Past Grand Masters taking part. The General Address was given by M.Ex.Comp. Charles W. Emmett. Ex.Comp. T. John Arthur spoke briefly of his 52 years in the Craft and his approximately 25 years as a Companion, the impressive work of the evening and the rare privilege which he had experienced "For the Cause of Good" - the Masonic Foundation. He furthermore stated that he was quite humbled to be so honoured on this occasion.

The Ceremony of Remembrance, etc. was then conducted as a fitting dedication of this special 75th Anniversary to the skilled and faithful craftsmen since 1922 who were remembered for contributing so much time and talent to Royal Arch Masonry in General and to King Cyrus Chapter in particular. At the conclusion of both ceremonies the Companions retired to the Banquet room where a hot buffet was enjoyed and several Toasts eloquently proposed to Ex.Comp. T. John Arthur and to King Cyrus Chapter No. 232. The former was given by V.Ex.Comp. G.P. Robert Webster and the latter by R.Ex.Comp. Gordon Carr, the Grand Superintendent, Toronto District 8A.

The organization of the oldest Chapter in Canada West took place at the Freemason's Tavern, corner of King and Barrack Streets, Kingston, on June 7th, 1797 by virtue of the warrant granted on November 20th, 1795 by R.W.Bro. William Jarvis, Grand Master of the Province of Upper Canada to St. John's Lodge No. 6. Two hundred years later Ancient Frontenac and Catarqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston, St. Lawrence District celebrated its Bicentennial year from June 6th - June 8th, 1997 in appropriate form. This historic event was fully reported in "The Keystone", Fall 1997.

Many questions have been directed to your Grand Historian from Companions throughout this Grand Jurisdiction concerning the Canadian Chapter Penny. This explanation from Nigel H. Potter, Provincial Grand Secretary, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex may be of interest to you.

"The Manual of Freemasonry" published by Richard Carlile in 1825 describes the Mark as consisting of two distinct degrees, each with its own measure of payment. That for the Mark Man was said to be nine shekels and for the Mark Master twenty-five shekels. In the ritual the question was asked, "What was delineated on this ancient coin?" to which was answered, "On the one side the Pot of Manna and the words - Shekel of Israel, - on the other, the Rod of Aaron budding with the words "Jerusalem".

One side of the Canadian coin is a representation of the ancient half shekel of Israel with the pot of manna. Apart from the inscription mentioned above, two characters appear above the pot representing in abbreviated form the words "Shenath Shelosh" meaning the year three. I understand that the inscription was actually in Aramaic, the language of Jesus.

It is worthy of note that many chapters in North America use a penny rather than a shekel. These are usually larger than the shekel and nearly always bear the legends "ONE PENNY" and "THEY RECEIVED EVERY MAN A PENNY". This refers to the New Testament parable of the labourers in the vineyard who all received a penny regardless of the length of time worked. The bible for North American chapter pennies is "Masonic Chapter Pennies" by E.A. King published in 1930 in the U.S.A.

The first recorded special chapter penny in Canada is that of The Hiram Chapter No. 2 of Hamilton dating from 1900 - 1901. The Hon. David R. Gibson was Scribe E. of that Chapter and was responsible for the design. In response from other Chapters Companion Gibson began to design pennies for many other Chapters. As a result almost all Canadian Chapters had unique pennies by 1930.

Congratulations and thank you to a number of Companions who as Historians of their Chapters have taken time to research and write accurate, concise and interesting histories of their Chapters. The ones sent to the Grand Chapter office have been excellent; e.g. The History of Tuscan Chapter from 1887-1894, Brampton before it transferred its warrant to Sudbury written by R.Ex.Comp. Basil S. Fowler.

These challenging words were used by V.Ex.Comp. Denis Langridge when he replied to the Toast to the Visitors on the occasion of the Reception by Ontario District No. 10 on November 22nd, 1997 for the Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. R. Frank Russell.

"It is times like this that we should rededicate ourselves to Royal Arch Masonry by preserving the high principles and tenets which have come to us through the ages, encouraging all Companions to reach out to our young men and assisting them to build a strong moral and spiritual foundation upon which are founded all the fundamental principles of Freemasonry". To which all Royal Arch Masons would say - "SO MOTE IT BE"".

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Historical Committee: R.Ex.Comp. James W. Reid, Chairman and R.Ex.Comp. William Stanfield.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. James W. Reid, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions; on behalf of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, I am pleased to submit this report. To date we have received year-end reports from 16 Grand Superintendents and may I say again how disappointing it was that only ten mid-term reports were received by this Committee.

Decline in membership is still one of great concern in many of today's Chapters. Is amalgamation the route of survival? Reports to date again indicate that some Chapters are now in the process of considering amalgamation although past results have indicated that some Chapters have experienced increased interest, while others are seeing lack of interest, poor attendance and few, if any, candidates. Is the problem poor leadership in our Chapters or poorly planned and late meetings?

The moving of boundaries within Districts 1 and 2 was looked into by R.Ex.Comps Hugh Dunlop, Bill Segui and James Finch who met with Companions involved and concluded that it would not be viable at this time to move the existing boundary between the two Districts. Some thought was given to having the Grand Superintendent in the near future serve a two year term so as to spread the work out in the District. There is a possibility that the situation as it now stands could be resolved in the near future.

Algoma District No. 14 in the north western part of Ontario held discussion in their District to ask permission that some consideration be given for them to move their District into the Province of Manitoba under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the Province of Manitoba. After a great deal of discussion amongst the Chapters, R. Ex.Comp. Tibbetts reports that it has been decided by Companions in the six Chapters to table the suggestion for future consideration.

As in other years, many of our Chapter Scribes Ezra are failing to send in their Annual Returns or their assessment as of the close of the business day, January 31st. This would, according to our Constitution, deprive that Chapter of all voting rights or a Grand Chapter appointment. If their payment is received by the first day of March, the Grand First Principal may, after serious consideration, lift such denial.

We would ask our Grand Superintendents Elect to see that brochures, "Curious About The Holy Royal Arch? ", are distributed to the Brethren of the Craft Lodges in your District and to other interested people.

During the year 1997 we have seen the loss of 624 Companions — 309 to death, 113 due to suspensions and 202 due to demits. As of the writing of this report we have received a total of 253 Candidates newly admitted to our ranks of York Rite Masonry but unfortunately our loss due to deaths, suspensions and demits plus reinstated individuals equals a net loss of 355 Companions.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 1

R.Ex.Comp. John Murphy

All reports received. R.Ex.Comp. Murphy reports he was well received on all his official visits, in proper form and in a friendly manner. Chapters in District No. 1 appear to be in excellent shape, alive and healthy and are working to improve even more. All Chapters are well kept, clean, neat and properly set up for meetings while all regalia is in excellent shape. One 50 Year Jewel and a Grand Steward Regalia was presented to deserving Companions. A Chapter of Instruction was held and well attended, also a Divine Service was held in September while a successful barbeque was also held and enjoyed by all. It was reported that Companion Lloyd Crain has added seven new Candidates for membership in Windsor Chapter No. 71. November saw Trenton, Michigan Chapter visit McNabb Chapter in Chatham and exemplify the Past Masters Degree. A reception for the Grand First Principal was held on March 21st in the new Masonic Temple in Chatham. R.Ex.Comp. Murphy, on the completion of his official visits, feels that Capitular Masonry in the St. Clair District is alive, healthy and steadily increasing in numbers. Thirteen Candidates were marked in this District.

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 2

R.Ex.Comp. James A. Finch

As of the writing of this report R.Ex.Comp. Finch has not completed all of his thirteen visits in District No. 2. Loss of membership in District No. 2 is still a major concern. It is reported that in the last four years there has been a loss of 138 Companions. In 1997 21 Candidates were marked but the loss due to 22 deaths, 4 suspensions and 14 demits indicates a net loss of 19 Companions.

R.Ex.Comp. Finch feels that if the decline in membership continues that by the year 2078 there will be few, if any, Royal Arch Masons left. It is thought that the District will experience a number of Chapter amalgamations or Chapter closures in the next few years. District No. 2 saw the presentation of three 50 Year Jewels, one Regalia presentation and three Bursary cheques to deserving Companions and students. On May 28th St. John's Chapter was visited by a degree team of Companions from the various Chapters who conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree on four Candidates of the rank of 33^o Scottish Rite Masons. An outstanding attendance was recorded. One barbeque, three ladies' nights and a reception for the Grand First Principal were held in the District. Membership loss and poor attendance at meetings remains a major concern. Ritual presentation in some Chapters needs to be rehearsed more. Do not always rely on senior Companions to do the lectures. Junior officers should be encouraged to learn the work. R.Ex.Comp. Finch during his visits has insisted that no open ritual books should be used except by the prompter.

The Grand Superintendent feels that if Royal Arch Masonry is to survive, Chapters must work together to promote Capitular Masonry. Members must make an effort to attend their Craft Lodges and recruit candidates. Without the influx of new members Chapters will cease to exist in the London District. Twenty-one Candidates were marked in this District.

WILSON DISTRICT NO. 3

R.Ex.Comp. Clifford Sly

One of five Official Visit reports received, one of five Annual Return forms received. Mid-term and Year-end reports received. R.Ex. Comp. Sly reports the general condition of Capitular Masonry in District 3 is deteriorating. Membership is steadily declining and interest among the active members is waning. Chapters are not able to retain the interest of new members once they receive the Royal Arch Degree. It is felt by some Companions that wording of the rituals should be updated.

Chapters that have reduced their meeting nights due to shortage of members and financial problems have noticed a further erosion in interest within the Chapters. R.Ex.Comp. Sly feels that Chapters should be cautious when amending their by-laws in this manner. District No. 3 held a course of instruction in September at Woodstock Masonic Temple. The topic was Chapter Protocol and Etiquette while R.Ex.Comp. Dennis Ward spoke on Royal Arch Masonry in general. R.Ex.Comp. Sly has attended all Installations in his District. The highlight of the year was the presentation of a 25 year Past Principal Bar to Ex.Comp. Albert Dickinson on Saturday, April 19th, 1997. This presentation was attended by thirty-five family members, relatives and friends. The sad news of Ex.Comp. Dickinson's passing was received in August of the same year. It is reported that most Chapters in District No. 3 are operating at an acceptable level and holding their own. No social events were reported in District No. 3. Nine Candidates were marked in this District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT NO. 4

R.Ex.Comp. Harold W. Stump

All reports received. R.Ex.Comp. Stump reports he has completed all his official visits and was received very cordially and in compliance with the Constitution and Manual of Protocol and Etiquette. Chapters are, on the whole, in good shape while some are in the process of changing their by-laws to decrease the meeting nights and review the Exaltation fees and dues structure. Bursaries were presented by Guelph Chapter and Enterprise Chapter.

Ionic Chapter, Orangeville held an evening to present V.Ex.Comp. Durward I Greenwood with his Senior Sojourner's Regalia. R.Ex.Comp. Stump reports that all Chapters in District No. 4 have great leadership. The recycling of past officers in the chairs and lack of candidates remains a problem in some Chapters. No social events reported in District No. 4. Eleven Candidates were marked in this District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 5

R.Ex.Comp. Stewart M. Rhodes

All reports received. R.Ex.Comp. Rhodes reports that on all his official visits he was received cordially and in compliance with the Constitution and Manual of Protocol and Etiquette. All is well in District No. 5 although McKay Chapter is facing a shortage of officers and younger members. They are not in the best of shape but are struggling to keep going. Help has been offered by other Chapters in the hope of seeing things turn around. District No. 5 held a reception for our Grand First Principal in Hamilton. A Divine Service was held in Topleytown United Church on November 3rd. St. John's Chapter held a special night to make M.Ex.Comp. Russell an Honourary member of their Chapter. Ancaster Chapter held a euchre night which was well attended.

An open house under the direction of the Grand Chapter was held in St. Clair Chapter, Milton, on November 15th and, by all accounts, it was a great success. In summing up, R.Ex.Comp. Rhodes reports that District No. 5 is in good shape. The Officers and Companions are hard working and diligent. The Grand Chapter Officers are very much involved in the work and the running of the District. Dedication and effort are key words in District No. 5 and it would appear that the Chapters in this District will be around for a long time. Twenty-three Candidates were marked in this District.

HURON DISTRICT NO. 6

R.Ex.Comp. William Arnold

Seven of nine Official Visit reports received.. Seven of nine Annual Return reports received. No Mid-term report received. Year-end report received. R.Ex.Comp. Arnold reports that Royal Arch Masonry in District No. 6 is stable. The rituals are performed in a proficient manner but decline in membership and the lack of participation by the Chapter members is one of concern. The problem is presently being discussed but no solution has been proposed as yet. The Principal's Association held a golf tournament on June 11th. A District Divine Service was held in Mitchell United Church in July. Havelock Chapter held a night of instruction that was well attended. Eleven Candidates were marked in this District.

NIAGARA DISTRICT NO. 7

R.Ex.Comp. Bernard Nehring

Visit reports and Annual Returns received. No Mid-term or Year-end report received. Twenty-six Candidates were marked in this District.

TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 8

R.Ex.Comp. W. (Eric) Dickie

All reports received.

R.Ex.Comp. Dickie reports that he has completed all official visits and was well received. Some Chapters are experiencing difficulties in obtaining new members and the lack of attendance at meetings. Aurora Chapter and St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, for lack of attendance on a few occasions, have failed to open.

R.Ex.Comp. Dickie has met with the Principals of all Chapters to discuss means to increase membership, attendance and to stimulate more enthusiasm in the District. A good attendance was reported at the meeting. Amalgamation in December between St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 with Victoria Chapter No. 205 is expected to see an increase in attendance at meetings. A Divine Service was held in the District. The annual visit was held by Orient Chapter No. 79 to Hiram Chapter No. 62, Rochester, NY. A good attendance was recorded. Victoria Chapter No. 205 deserves special mention for their continuous contribution to the Benevolence Fund to the amount of \$2850.00 this year. R.Ex.Comp. Dickie suggests that the Grand Superintendent's term of office should run concurrently with the two year term of the Grand First Principal. Chapters in District No. 8 that have been experiencing difficulties are seeing a turnaround with hope for a brighter future. Twenty-three Candidates were marked in this District.

TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 8A

R.Ex.Comp. Gordon J. Carr

All reports received. R.Ex.Comp. Carr reports that he has completed all eleven official visits. Meetings were well attended and conducted with a few open books. District 8A is seeing an increase in Candidates in most Chapters with many younger members filling the various chairs. Leadership is strong, work well done and interesting meetings. All Chapters appear to be very active. R.Ex.Comp. Carr has recorded the following events: two 75th Anniversaries, four Master Mason nights, one District barbeque, one District education night, one Sunday brunch, one golf tournament, two Bursary presentations, a Divine Service, one Strawberry Night, two Past Principal Bar presentations, one Distinguished Service Award and a number of 25 Year Service Pin presentations to worthy Companions. Our committee endorses and encourages such activities in the many Chapters.

Occident Chapter No. 77 has been successful in publishing their very informative News Letter throughout the year. Brampton Chapter No. 265 held a most enjoyable and successful open house which was well attended. A Divine Service at the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church was well attended and saw R.Ex.Comp. James Reid invite all the children to the front of the Church where he explained the symbols on the Chapter aprons and their meaning. It would appear the amalgamations in some areas are experiencing difficulties but there is hope the problems can be worked out.

The Grand Superintendent feels that all eleven Chapters in the District have shown friendship and a willingness to support their own and other Chapters. He feels all these qualities add to the values in District 8A and should ensure a strong future for Royal Arch Masonry. Twenty-eight Candidates were marked in this District.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT NO. 9

R.Ex.Comp. G. Garry Jennings

Five of nine Official Visit reports and five of nine Annual Return reports were received. Mid-term and Year-end reports received. R.Ex.Comp. Jennings reports he was well received on all his official visits. A District church service was held in Parry Sound in October, one Bursary was presented. A barbeque was held at the home of R.Ex.Comp. Dale Plant in conjunction with the installation of his son, Ex.Comp. Dan Plant, to First Principal of Couchiching Chapter No. 198, a steak fry was held by Kichikewana Chapter, Midland and was well attended.

Chapters are reported to be in reasonably good shape although the shortage of Candidates and poor attendance at Chapter meetings is causing some concern. Twenty-one Candidates were marked in this District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 10

R.Ex.Comp. Andrew M. Skilling

All reports received. R.Ex.Comp. Skilling has completed all of his ten official visits, seven fraternal visits outside the District and five installations and was received with dignity and in a cordial manner on all occasions. Two Chapters have given R.Ex.Comp. Skilling concern owing to poor attendance, lack of interest and shortage of applications. With the support and encouragement throughout the District there is hope that these Chapters will reverse the present situation. Work in most Chapters is being done in accordance with the book of "THE WORK" and generally in a proficient manner.

One 50 Year Past Principal Jewel, one 25 Year Past Principal Pin, three 25 Year Past Principals Bars and one Principals Certificate were presented. An instruction meeting was held in District No. 10 and well attended. Several questions were asked and forwarded to the Grand Lecturer, R.Ex.Comp. Harry R. Smith, and were duly answered. A Divine Service was held on September 21st at Cambridge United Church in Lindsay and was well attended. A reception for the Grand First Principal was held at the Port Hope Masonic Temple hosted by the Principals Association. R.Ex.Comp. Skilling visited Victoria Chapter, Port Hope to obligate and present V.Ex.Comp. Keighley with his warrant as the Grand Representative of the State of Kentucky. Our Grand Superintendent reports that membership in the District has dropped by 21 owing to deaths, suspensions and demits with Corinthian Chapter No. 36, Peterborough having the highest loss of some 16 Companions – 12 deaths, 4 withdrawals. Our Right Excellent Sir reports his year as Grand Superintendent has been very interesting and rewarding by having the opportunity to visit and meet with the many Companions of the various Chapters and expresses his gratitude to them for the support and encouragement he received during his year as Grand Superintendent of District No. 10. Eighteen Candidates were marked in this District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 11

R.Ex.Comp. William A. Robinson

All reports received. R.Ex.Comp. Robinson reports he was well received at all his official visits, stating his duties were made enjoyable by the cooperation he received from his Secretary, Ex.Comp. McDonald, and the Companions in all Chapters.

A Chapter of Instruction was held in May at Belleville in conjunction with the Principals Association. Members from all four Chapters attended. A Divine Service was held in October in Lindsay and well attended. Chapters in District No. 11 appear, in most cases, in good shape, well run and with excellent leadership. Mt. Sinai Chapter in Napanee is showing a serious decline in membership leaving most of the work to the senior members. Presqu'ile Chapter in Brighton is also having problems with attendance as their meetings fall on the same night as St. Marks Chapter, Trenton. The suggestion to have Presqu'ile change their meeting night was rejected by the Chapter.

A Royal Arch Masons night was held in Trenton in March that included all of District No. 11 Chapters. It is hoped the occasion will generate some new interest throughout the District.

There were 11 new Candidates marked but a loss of 30 members by death, suspensions and demits shows a decline of 19 members in the overall District. Eleven Candidates were marked in this District.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 12

R.Ex.Comp. Roland A. Paddle

All reports received. R.Ex.Comp. Paddle reports he has had a very busy year visiting each Chapter three times and attending many other Chapter and Craft functions. Amalgamation procedures are being completed in one of the Chapters in hope of seeing a turnaround in interest, Candidates and attendance. A Bicentennial was held in Kingston on June 6 - 8th, an Instruction meeting with the Principals, Scribes and Chairmen was held on June 21st in Brockville, a fish fry and a barbeque were held in Kempville and Brockville, a reception for our Grand First Principal was held at St. Marks Chapter on September 16th, two Bursaries were presented by Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui and St. John's Chapter. The Royal Arch display was shown in the District on six different occasions - Belleville, Kingston and Cornwall with the local news media giving coverage on three occasions.

R.Ex.Comp. Paddle reports that membership in the District is still on the decline in some Chapters while others are showing an increase which he feels is due to special events and advertising by the Companions. One Chapter has set up a degree team to attend the Craft Lodges conduct the second and third degrees (positive results are expected). There is still a problem of having younger members desiring to take the chairs. It is felt this is due to lack of interest. It would appear that the District is moving ahead and a promising future is predicted. The District saw the presentation of one 60 Year Numeral, one 50 Year Jewel, four 25 Year Past Principal Jewels and forty 25 Year Service Pins. It has been noted by the Grand Superintendent that three Chapters in the District do not issue Past Principal Jewels or 25-Year Bars. Eight Candidates were marked in this District.

OTTAWA DISTRICT NO. 13

R.Ex.Comp. John G. (Jack) Pell

All reports received. R.Ex.Comp. Pell has completed his official visits in District No. 13 and reports that Royal Arch Masonry continues to exist although some Chapters are experiencing difficulty of one sort or another. A kit of materials produced by R.Ex.Comp. Gordon Cross has been a great help to Council and the Scribes in the Chapters. The work ranges from good to excellent, with few open books. Most Chapters are small but the Companions are working to stay active. Laurentian Chapter is having problems with attendance and lack of Candidates. Amalgamation is being discussed but no decisions have been made to date. Ottawa Chapter conducted an open house in September under the direction of R.Ex.Comp. Boomhour and members of the Public Relations Committee. October saw members from Ottawa pay a visit to a Chapter in Mexico, New York and meet with the Grand High Priest of the State of New York. A barbeque was held in Ottawa District and attended by members of the Grand Council, Grand Executive, Companions and their ladies. On November 2nd a Church Service was held under the direction of R.Ex.Comp. M John Moor, Grand Chaplain. A District golf tournament and a curling bonspiel were also held in the District. One 50 Year Past Principal Bar and one Distinguished Service Award were presented to worthy Companions. Thirteen Candidates were marked in this District.

One of seven Official Visit and Annual Return reports were received. No Mid-term was received. Year-end report was received. R.Ex.Comp. Tibbetts reports he was received in the proper manner on all his official visits. The Grand Superintendent reports that Algoma District is still facing many serious problems in some of the Chapters. Problems that can only be addressed at the Grand Chapter level if these Chapters are to survive - Kenogamisis Chapter No. 226, Geraldton, and Attwood Chapter No. 149, Rainy River. These two Chapters need the support of Grand Chapter if they are to survive. Problems facing these Chapters must be addressed by the Grand First Principal to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The Companions have requested the Grand First Principal include this District in his itinerary and visit both east and west areas at least once during his two-year term in office. It has also been suggested that the voting for Grand Chapter Officers be decentralized as per Grand Lodge to allow the members of Algoma District to participate and feel part of Grand Chapter. The Grand Superintendent could be responsible for this at the District meeting. The report on the splitting of the District in two, three Eastern Chapters and four Western Chapters was discussed but no vote has been taken. Also the motion put forth to withdraw from the Grand Chapter of Ontario and join with Manitoba, if approved, was thoroughly discussed but no vote has been taken.

District No. 14 will see the amalgamation between Shuniah Chapter No. 82 and Fort William Chapter No. 140, both of Thunder Bay, the Chapter to be called Shuniah Chapter No. 82. September 2nd, 1998 has been set for the official amalgamation under the direction of the Grand First Principal. No social or other Chapter activities were reported within the District. Seven Candidates were marked in this District.

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 15

R.Ex.Comp. Douglas C. Ball

All reports received R.Ex.Comp. Ball reports he has travelled some 950 miles to visit the four Chapters in the District. He was well received in proper form and in a friendly manner at all Chapters. Our Right Excellent Sir reports the Chapters in District No. 15 are working according to the rituals and constitution of Grand Chapter and should remain strong and healthy for many years to come. One Open House and Ladies night was held in Sudbury and attended by members of the Public Relations Committee under the direction of R.Ex.Comp. Boomhour. A Garden Party was held at St. John's Chapter, North Bay. One 50 Year Service Pin was presented to a worthy Companion. Eight Candidates were marked in this District.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT NO. 16

R.Ex.Comp. W. Denis Amendola

All reports received. R.Ex.Comp. Amendola reports he completed his official visits travelling some 800 miles to visit the four Chapters in the District. Temiskaming District does not enjoy either the high population nor a short distance and travelling time. Visitation is more of a dedication to Capitular Masonry. There has been little change within the District. Suspensions still decline the overall membership as do demits and deaths. It has been reported by previous Superintendents that Capitular Masonry in the Temiskaming District is dying a very slow death with no replacements.

The Grand Superintendent feels that any improvements brought forward are met by the Companions with enthusiasm then die waiting for approval. Courses of instruction were held with each Chapter at one location rather than have the Companions travel the long distance between Chapters.

As reported in the Mid-term report R.Ex.Comp. Amendola submitted a set of goals for each of the Chapters which are as follows: - have each Chapter implement a workable plan for future growth., to extend to each Chapter and members assistance if required, plan and implement in conjunction with the various Chapters their ideas, proposals and efforts to promote Capitular Masonry within the District, help and prepare a Master Masons night for each Chapter, improve the visibility within our various Chapter committees and Chapters, the consideration "with Grand Chapter Approval" of a Drama Team consisting of Companions from the various Chapters using early 20th Century Regalia, hold a Social on a Saturday to include all residents of the area. As you can see, the Superintendent in District No. 16 is one creative individual. Four Candidates were marked in this District.

During the past year many of our Companions have received recognition for their long service and personal achievements. May we extend our congratulations for all you have done in the interest of Royal Arch Masonry and may you live long to enjoy the distinction conferred upon you by your Chapter.

May we take this opportunity to thank our Grand Scribe Ezra and the Grand Chapter staff for their assistance and guidance in supplying and confirming materials in this report. To our Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. R. Frank Russell, whose term of office is coming to a close at this our Grand Convocation.

During M.Ex.Comp. Russell's term of office he has carried out his duties faithfully and in a friendly manner without distinction of rank or position. His devotion, courtesy and unflinching attention to details and the promotion of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the Districts in every possible way has earned for him the admiration and respect of all Companions. To you, Most Excellent Sir, may we wish you and your family our best wishes and good health in the years to come.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee members R.Ex.Comps Malcolm W. Watling, J.A. Dale Plant, Richard J. Jackson, George H. Gifford, Richard W. Stevenson, E. Roy Harrison and R.Ex.Comp. John W. McGill, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner, and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. John W. McGill that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. "CARRIED".

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND RELEASE A MIRACLE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions;

The Committee surveyed the Chapters by means of a letter sent to the District Grand Superintendents. This requested that the Companions reported any specific areas of research with which they thought we ought to be involved. There was only a 33% return to the survey. Areas of interest were:- Diabetes : Arthritis: Breast Cancer: Prostate Cancer: Alzheimer's Disease: Involvement with Sick Children's Hospital. These requests will be considered remembering that it is our aim not to fund areas of research which already have large established charitable organisations.

Grant Requests: Dr. Ron Baigrie, Sudbury. Research into the differentiation of chest pain in women. Our current diagnostic knowledge of chest pain has been based on research involving men. Doctors are very good at identifying angina in men and much less so in women, who as a group have a very dissimilar presentation. It is Dr. Baigrie's hope to develop criteria for early identification of angina in women. Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital. Currently involved in three research studies:- OASIS a study of unstable angina., INTIME a multicentre, double blind, randomised trial comparing the effectiveness of two drug treatments of patients during their heart attacks. NOVOS. A randomised controlled study of Novos putty vs. standard treatment of open tibial fractures.

Current Research news: Professor Brenda Gallie is setting new standards in clinical trial design using digital images transmitted across the internet. This means that accurate international trials can be done at reduced cost and involve more patients. It is her aim to have every child with retinoblastoma in the world on a treatment protocol. The committee finds this very exciting as she believes this goal to be quite realistic. Professor Del Maestro requests funds to purchase equipment for ongoing research into why blood vessels develop in a tumour thus providing it with sustenance. If this can be stopped the tumour should die.

Grant: The committee has been advised that the grants should total \$30,000 for the year 98-99. Accordingly we are able to increase our grants to our established projects and bring on two new areas of research. We approve the inclusion of Dr. R. Baigrie, Sudbury. and the NOVOS trial at Hotel Dieu Grace Windsor.

Thus the awards granted this year are:-

Dr. Poznansky Robarts Institute	\$6,500.00
Dr. J Wilson. Humber Memorial Hospital	\$3,000.00
Prof. B. Gallie, Sick Childrens Hospital	\$5,500.00
Prof. R. Del Maestro, Victoria Hospital London	\$4,500.00
Dr. J Dennis, Mount Sinai Hospital	\$2,500.00
Prof. Yendt. Kingston	\$3,000.00
Dr. R. Baigrie, Sudbury	\$2,500.00
NOVOS Trial Windsor	\$2,500.00
Total	\$30,000.00

Notice of retirement: Gordon Odell has retired from this committee. We are, therefore, seeking nomination/ volunteer to replace Gordon. I must express my personal thanks to him for all his work and the charm and grace he displayed during our times together. All of us wish him well and we will all miss his presence, advice and wisdom.

Have a happy healthy retirement from your Masonic duties.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth Green, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Grand Representatives Committee is once again pleased to report on its activities for the past Masonic Year. The majority of representatives I have spoken with, in the months following our last Annual convocation, have met with success in fulfilling their obligations to Grand Chapter and to their Companions at large. The usual modes of intercommunication, like telephone calls and letter writing, have been relatively successful. E-mail through the computer is gaining popularity, but by far the most rewarding, is the personal visit. Still, however, there is the odd Grand Representative from our sister jurisdictions, who is not as dedicated, as we would wish, and some letters and phone calls remain unanswered.

The committee is in the process of designing a new fact-finding questionnaire, which is to be sent to all representatives in late 1998 and hopefully new information and fresh ideas will be gleaned from the data collected and analysed, with the results published at our next Grand Convocation in 1999. The members of the Grand Representatives Committee are extremely grateful for ideas and concerns, which have been forwarded to us; as well as letters sharing our representatives successes and failures.

We congratulate all Grand Representatives for putting their best foot forward for Capitular Masonry, in this Grand Jurisdiction of our Grand Chapter of Royal Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario and the Grand Jurisdiction each represents.

Respectfully submitted R.Ex.Comps Gordon E. Cross, Richard W. Stevenson, William Klapatiuk and David A Rogers, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. David A Rogers, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH CHARITIES COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The success of this project was in no small way attributable to the keen efforts of our Grand Scribe Ezra, as well as the Grand Superintendents throughout our jurisdiction. Their cooperation in the distribution of the calendars to each of the Chapters in their Districts was most appreciated.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the enthusiastic efforts of the Scribe E's of our Chapters throughout the Province in supporting this worthwhile endeavour. It is not an easy task to solicit donations, and I once again offer my heartfelt gratitude to all the aforementioned for their tireless efforts in this regard.

In closing, it has been this Committee's great privilege to have served our Grand Chapter this Masonic year. The support and leadership exhibited by our Grand Council have made this a very rewarding and enjoyable year.

This report is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee; R.Ex.Comps J K Lowery, Chairman, Kenneth L Whiting, M Sheldon Boomhour, David Laskey, Donald J Gent and V.Ex.Comp. Peter Cameron.

Moved by the Grand Second, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner, and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. J. Kenneth Lowery, , that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEER COMMITTEE

At 3:20 p.m R.Ex.Comp. Eric Simon, Chairman of the Scrutineer Committee returned to report that there was not an election for the Office of Grand Third Principal and that the name of R.Ex.Comp. David A Rogers would be removed from the next Ballot.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions;

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to submit the following report:

Number of Chapters represented by Officers	48
Number of Chapters	48
Number of Chapters represented by P.Z's only	51
Number of Chapters represented	108
Number of Chapters <u>NOT</u> represented	21
Number of Delegates present	374
Total Number of Votes	563

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Edward Ounjian, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Simon that this report be received and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We are pleased to report that we have been involved in several activities during the past year. A proposed amendment to the area of eligibility for Long Service Awards was considered. Since the awards are not obligatory, it was felt that a certain amount of discretion could be used by Constituent Chapters when proposing the issuance of such awards.

We have undertaken to edit the Constitution in preparation for a late spring printing. This activity covers the identification of punctuation, extra words and missing phrases which had been overlooked during the word processing stage. Some preliminary work on identifying inconsistent use of terms or terminology is also underway. The bulk of the activity is expected to be pursued over the summer so that all changes will be identified, listed and notices of motion prepared. This activity is slated for completion before November 30, 1998, so that Notices of Motion can be issued and the Motions dealt with at the 1999 Annual Convocation.

This committee welcomes ideas and suggested amendments for consideration. Such involvement will ensure clarity and relativity of the Constitution to our organization. Finally, we would offer our sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to our deliberations during this past year and we hope that you will continue with your sage advice.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee by R.Ex.Comps Walter T. Bulbeck, Chairman, Harry S. Smith, I. Ian Montague, Guenther H. Gahs, M. Sheldon Boomhour, David G. Walker and V.Ex.Comp. Shayne H. Eldridge.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Walter T. Bulbeck, that this Report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the 1998 Proceedings. CARRIED.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

At 3:55 p.m. The Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from labour to refreshment until 8:30 a.m. in the morrow.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON

At 8:30 a.m. the Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from refreshment to labour.

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEER COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee of Scrutineers take great pleasure in presenting the results of the elections held at this Grand Chapter.

For the office of Grand First Principal	R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner
For the office of Grand Second Principal	R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill
For the office of Grand Third Principal	R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour
For the office of Grand Scribe Nehemiah	Ex.Comp. William H Douglas
For the office of Grand Principal Sojourner	V.Ex.Comp. Eugene F de Beaupre
For the office of Grand Registrar	Ex.Comp. William Glover

Member elected to the Grand Executive	R.Ex.Comp. David Laskey
Member elected to the Grand Executive	R.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson
Member elected to the Grand Executive	R.Ex.Comp. M John Moor
Member elected to the Grand Executive	R.Ex.Comp. D Kenneth Bromley
Member elected to the Grand Executive	R.Ex.Comp. C Gordon Sinclair

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Edward Ounjian, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Simon that this report be received and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

Results of the first ballot for the office of Grand Third Principal were:

R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour	248
R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford	152
R.Ex.Comp. David A Rogers	151
Spoiled ballots	9

Results of the ballots were:

Grand First Principal - R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner	Acclaimed
Grand Second Principal - R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill	Acclaimed

Grand Third Principal:

R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour	311
R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford	168
Spoiled ballots	15

Grand Scribe Nehemiah:

Ex.Comp. William H Douglas	339
Ex.Comp. Peter Scott	175

Grand Principal Sojourner:

V.Ex.Comp. Eugene F de Beaupre	154
V.Ex.Comp. Frederick Cotton	105
Ex.Comp. John Patterson	73
Ex.Comp. Alvin Fuller	72
Ex.Comp. Brian Van Sickle	70
Ex.Comp. William Collinson	44

Grand Rigrstrar:

Ex.Comp. William Glover	264
Ex.Comp. Russell Varley	245

Grand Executive Committee:

R.Ex.Comp. David Laskey	387
R.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson	343
R.Ex.Comp. M John Moor	322
R.Ex.Comp. D Kenneth Bromley	267
R.Ex.Comp. C Gordon Sinclair	267
R.Ex.Comp. Edward J Burns	245
R.Ex.Comp. John Lyall	239
R.Ex.Comp. Angus Fudge	233
R.Ex.Comp. Donald J Winkworth	226

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

The Grand First Principal requested the Grand Chaplain to lead the Companions in a service of tribute to R.Ex.Comp. Talbot L Peyton who passed away Friday afternoon April 24th, 1998 while attending this Convocation.

R.Ex.Comp. Peyton was a member of Twin City Lodge 509, served as Worshipful master in 1977 and as District Deputy Grand Master of Waterloo District in 1980. He joined Kitchener Chapter on February 20, 1975, served as First Principal in 1982 and Grand Superintendent of Wellington District No. 4 in 1990. Since then he continued to the time of death to take an active part in the work of his lodge, Grand Lodge, Chapter and this Grand Chapter. He shall forever remain a cherished memory in our hearts.

Following a reading from the Scriptures the Grand Chaplain led the Companions in Prayer followed by a period of silent remembrance.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee by Right Excellent Companions Walter T. Bulbeck, Chairman, Harry S. Smith, I. Ian Montague, Guenther H. Gahs, M. Sheldon Boomhour, David G. Walker and Very Excellent Companion Shayne H. Eldridge.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Walter T. Bulbeck, that this Report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the 1998 Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Again, on behalf of a very busy Long Range Planning Committee it is my pleasure to present this report.

A 'Letter of Invitation' as presented at the last Grand Convocation inviting current Worshipful Masters to join our Order was mailed to all Chapters in January 1998. In this inaugural year of utilizing this letter, this invitation can also be extended to Immediate Past Masters thereby approaching approximately 1300 potential new members.

We have reviewed the need for more biographical information and a passport photograph to be made available describing candidates seeking Grand Chapter office. In this regard, a Notice of Motion to our Constitution has been filed for consideration at our 1998 Grand Convocation. We have also presented a notice of Motion with respect to the status of the Long Range Planning Committee being changed from an 'Ad Hoc' Committee to that of a 'Standing Committee'. Our last report contained the recommendation to foster the development of financial planning within each Chapter. This concern has been reviewed with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, who has agreed to prepare a format of financial planning and make this information available in a simplified form utilizing a computer diskette.

Your Committee has thoroughly reviewed the question of Chapter Meeting dates and their impact upon the retention/decline in Chapter membership. Our review has concluded that there does not appear to be a correlation of specific meeting date; i.e. Friday nights, etc. and the overall decline in membership. Finally in order to probe the pulse of our fraternity, we developed and mailed a survey/questionnaire to all Chapter First Principals in our jurisdiction. This survey was mailed in late January 1998 requesting the participation of a cross section of 10 Companions within each Chapter.

Although a survey return date of February 28, 1998 was requested, your Committee realized that in view of the diversity of our Order, this request was optimistic and subsequently extended the survey deadline to March 31, 1998. In view of the time, expense and effort expended, we feel that it is imperative to properly assess the survey results and formulate well thought out recommendations. In this connection, we regret that survey results and recommendations are not available for the consideration of this Grand Convocation. I am pleased to report that at the time of writing this report, 75% of the Districts participated and we have received replies from 160 Companions representing 12% of the sample surveyed. It is anticipated that a complete analysis of this comprehensive survey will be made available at the next Grand Executive Meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Grand First Principal for the honour and privilege of allowing me to serve as Chairman of this Committee for the past two years. I further wish to acknowledge the sincere commitment and dedication of the Committee members who worked diligently on your behalf. In addition, we express our appreciation to the Grand Scribe Ezra and his staff for their cheerful support and assistance.

Fraternally and sincerely submitted on behalf of the Committee, R.Ex.Comp. Brian R. Simpson, Chairman, R.Ex.Comps. William Stanfield, Edward Ounjian, William Birnie, Donald Winkworth, David Walker, Sheldon Boomhour, T. Bilardino Segui, V.Ex.Comp. R. Glen Harvey.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Brian R. Simpson, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

MOTIONS

I, Brian R Simpson, seconded by the Grand Second Principal move the following amendment to the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

Section 18, NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, to add new second paragraph to the existing subsection (g) with the following:

"The Nomination paper containing the names of nominees for election with nomination biographical information and a current passport photo if available, will be printed in the same order as the ballot paper." CARRIED.

I, John E. Oldham, seconded by the Grand Second Principal move that the following amendment to the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

Section 31, DUTIES OF THE GRAND TREASURER subsection (a) delete the last sentence: "He will be the custodian of the bond of the Grand Scribe Ezra."

Section 32, DUTIES OF THE GRAND SCRIBE EZRA replace subsection (b) with the following: "arrange insurance coverage in the form and amount as the Grand Executive Committee may determine, for the faithful discharge of the duties of the officers and employees of Grand Chapter. The cost of such insurance coverage to be paid for by Grand Chapter." CARRIED.

I, Brian R Simpson, seconded by the Grand Second Principal move the following amendment to the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

Section 55 STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
add new subsection as: Long Range Planning.

Add new Section immediately following Section 71 and the subsequent section numbers shall be renumbered.

Section LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

(a) This Committee will be responsible for focussing its deliberations upon the long-term viability of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario.

(b) This Committee will work in conjunction with all other committees and concordant bodies to ensure the long-term viability of the Order.

(C) this Committee will be composed of eight (8) members plus a chairman. Each member, including the chairman, shall serve a term of two years and shall be limited to two terms of office on this committee. Each year four (4) members will be replaced. This Committee may be supplemented, on a temporary basis, with advisory personnel when deemed necessary by the Chairman. The Grand Scribe Ezra will be a permanent advisor to this Committee.
CARRIED.

I, James W. Reid move, seconded by the Grand Second Principal, the following amendment to the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

Section 83 CHAPTER SUMMONS that a new subsection (d) be added as follows:

83 (d) "In the event it is impossible due to an interruption of postal services or other emergency to effect service of a summons, a regular meeting of the chapter may be held provided no business shall be transacted thereat with respect to which a summons is required to be served by this Constitution or the by-laws of the Chapter." CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

This Committee has reviewed the Address of Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell with great interest and congratulate him on the sincere and dedicated leadership he has given to this Grand Chapter during the preceding year.

We join with our Grand First Principal in extending congratulations to Hamilton District No. 5, and those dedicated members who have given many hours of their time and talents in assisting R.Ex.Comp. Robert Norsworthy in the preparations and conducting of this the 140th Annual Convocation.

We unite with him in his words of welcome and fraternal greetings to our Distinguished visitors from our Sister Jurisdictions both in Canada and the United States of America, we hope their sojourn with us will be both enjoyable and enlightening.

We especially join with M.Ex.Comp. Russell in his welcome and pledge of allegiance to Most Worshipful Brother. William T. Anderson, our Grand Master, and applaud his wish for good health as his tenure of leadership continues.

NECROLOGY: Homage has been paid to those who have passed to the Grand Chapter above and we would add our words of sympathy and regret to those already expressed by our Grand Chaplain. Their presence will be sorely missed.

PAST RANK: We have studied Section 26 of the Constitution regarding the requests for Past Rank, and agree with our Grand First Principal in granting Past First Principals Rank to: Comp. Robert J. McKibbon St. John's Chapter No.3
Ex.Comp. Raymond Cross Windsor Chapter No. 71
and posthumously to: Ex.Comp. Adam E. Piechocki Peel Chapter No. 195

LONG SERVICE JEWELS: We note the number of Long Service Jewels presented again this year. We join with all Companions in congratulating these recipients for their years of service. This does, though, point very strongly to the increasing age of our membership and the important need for new younger members.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: We salute the holders and recipients of this prestigious award and would remind the several Districts and Chapters that this award is presented to show appreciation to those Companions who have laboured faithfully, on our behalf, neither seeking nor wanting recognition.

AMALGAMATION: We extend our support to the Companions of St. Andrew and St. John Chapter and Victoria Chapter in their amalgamation. Amalgamation is never an easy decision, but, it is the positive step which sometimes must be considered to keep Royal Arch Masonry alive and healthy.

APPRECIATION: Most Excellent. Sir, we ask that you extend to Lady Marion and your family our appreciation for their allowing you the time, and supporting you in, your endeavours during your tenure as our Grand First Principal.

We unite with our Grand First Principal in acknowledging the contribution made, and the support shown to him, by Officers and Members of not only Grand Chapter but of the whole Jurisdiction. In Particular; R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner, Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W. McGill, Grand Third Principal, The Grand Superintendents, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn Duke and the staff of the Grand Chapter office, The Chairmen and Members of the various Committees of Grand Chapter, the Past Grand First Principals. To all who have been responsible for the reception and care of our Grand First Principal on his many travels throughout this, and Sister Jurisdictions. To those who have served this Grand Chapter, in any capacity, over the past number of years and are retiring from active participation, we extend to you our appreciation for your contributions.

GENERAL: We have reviewed the Grand First Principal's address with relation to the administration of Grand Chapter and congratulate him on the action taken and decisions made. We express to him our congratulations in representing this Grand Chapter as his travels and duties have taken him both in this and sister Jurisdictions and rejoice with him for honours received.

CONCLUSION: In conclusion M.Ex. Sir, may we on behalf of all members of Grand Chapter express to you our appreciation for your stewardship of Grand Chapter during your term of office. As you complete your tenure, and join the ranks of the Past Grand Z's, may the Great Jehovah grant you good health, happiness and many years to enjoy that rank.

Respectfully submitted: M.Ex.Comps. Charles W. Emmett, William H. Thomson, Aube L. Weisman, Gordon H. Stuart, Edward W. Elcombe, Albert A. Mortlock, Leslie Levitt, Donald F. Kline, G. Robert Jackson, Alan F. Walker, Chairman.

Moved by M.Ex.Comp. Charles W. Emmett, seconded by myself, M.Ex.Comp. Alan F. Walker, that this report and thereby the Grand First Principal's Address be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried..

PRESENTATION OF THE WILLIAM S THOMSON TROPHY

Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell called upon the Grand Scribe Ezra to advise the Companions of the winner of the William S Thomson Trophy. Occident Chapter No. 77 of Toronto for the third consecutive year was announced as the Chapter with the greatest percentage increase in membership.

Most Excellent Companion Thomson presented the trophy to the First Principal Excellent Companion George Kerr who pledged to return as winner for the fourth year.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M.Ex.Comp. Russell announced that the time had arrived for the Ceremony of Installation and Investiture of Officers of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year and requested M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe to assume the gavel and to carry on with those duties. The newly elected officers were installed according to ancient custom. M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner then proceeded to announce the Appointed Officers of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO ELECTED OFFICERS 1998 - 1999

M.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner	Grand First Principal
2390 Red Maple Avenue, R. R. No. 1, Jordan Station, ON L0R 1S0	
R.Ex.Comp. John W. McGill	Grand Second Principal
1838 Millwood Crescent, Sudbury, ON P3E 2T1	
R.Ex.Comp. M. Sheldon Boomhour	Grand Third Principal
14 Roberts Crescent, Brampton ON L6W 1G8	

R.Ex.Comp. James T. Saunders	Grand Superintendent - District 1 13403 Reeder Line, R.R. 3, Ridgeway, ON N0P 2C0
R.Ex.Comp. Gordon C. Alblas	Grand Superintendent - District 2 R.R. 1, Springfield, ON N0L 2J0
R.Ex.Comp. Clifford L. Sly	Grand Superintendent - District 3 560 Durham Crescent, Apt. 101, Woodstock, ON N4S 5X3
R.Ex.Comp. Donald Kaufman	Grand Superintendent - District 4 441 Franklin Street North, Kitchener, ON N2A 1Z2
R.Ex.Comp. T. Roy Binns	Grand Superintendent - District 5 236 Belvenia Road, Burlington ON L7L 2B4
R.Ex.Comp. Ian Keuls	Grand Superintendent - District 6 R.R. 5, Goderich ON N7A 3Y2
R.Ex.Comp. Gregory Faraday	Grand Superintendent - District 7 524 Lakeview Road., Fort Erie ON L2A 4W6
R.Ex.Comp. John D. Ross	Grand Superintendent - District 8 15799 Old Simcoe Road., Port Perry ON L9L 1M7
R.Ex.Comp. Donald G. Kelly	Grand Superintendent - District 8A 22 Rae Crescent, Unionville ON L3R 1X9
R.Ex.Comp. Stuart D. Crockatt	Grand Superintendent - District 9 55 Notawasaga Drive, Angus ON L0M 1B0
R.Ex.Comp. Francis E. Guy	Grand Superintendent - District 10 57 Mill Street North, Port Hope ON L1A 2T3
R.Ex.Comp. Eugene Le Gier	Grand Superintendent - District 11 597 Stanford Street, Kingston ON K7M 6A2
R.Ex.Comp. Stanley K. Hall	Grand Superintendent - District 12 R.R. 2, Spencerville ON K0E 1X0
R.Ex.Comp. George F Graves	Grand Superintendent - District 13 181 Lincoln Heights, Ottawa ON K2B 5L7
R.Ex.Comp. Richard R. Berday	Grand Superintendent - District 14 Box 999, Geraldton ON P0T 1M0
R.Ex.Comp. Grant B. Parsons	Grand Superintendent - District 15 R.R. 2, P.O. Box 278, Shetland Park Sault Ste. Marie ON P6A 5K7
R.Ex.Comp. Victor R. Praskey	Grand Superintendent - District 16 P.O. Box 223, New Liskeard ON P0J 1P0
R.Ex.Comp. Ian D. Nichols	Grand Chaplain 51 Lyall Avenue, Toronto ON M4E 1W1
R.Ex.Comp. John E. Oldham	Grand Treasurer 743 Clarkson Road South, Mississauga, ON L5J 2V1
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R.Ex.Comp. William H. Douglas	Grand Scribe Nehemiah P.O. Box 252, 189 McArthur Street, Dutton ON N0L 1J0
R.Ex.Comp. Eugene F. de Beaupre	Grand Principal Sojourner 1353 Bridle Path Circle, Pickering ON L1X 1C1
R.Ex.Comp. R. William Glover	Grand Registrar 49 Laws Street, Toronto ON M6P 2Y8

GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HONOURARY

(*Two Year Term # One Year Term)

R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd B. Gillespie	124 - 1500 Lansdowne St W, Peterborough K9J 2A2
#R.Ex.Comp. Hugh M. Dunlop	708 - 89 Riverview Drive, Chatham N7M 6A4
*R.Ex.Comp. J. Lloyd Mellor	Suite 209, 18 Concorde Place, Don Mills ON M3C 3T9
*R.Ex.Comp. Norman D. McComb	69 Capillo Road, Elliot Lake ON P5A 2Z5
*R.Ex.Comp. B. Donald Lamont	7 Ward Avenue, Bass Lake, R.R. 2, Orillia L3V 6H2

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R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk	2239 Seventh St. Louth, St. Catharines, ON L2R 6P7
R.Ex.Comp. George H. Gifford	119 Central Park Blvd. S., Oshawa, ON L1H 5W6
R.Ex.Comp. Brian R. Simpson	R. R. No. 1, Kilworthy, ON L9C 7K8
R.Ex.Comp. David A. Rogers	20 - 644 Upper Paradise Road, Hamilton, ON L9C 7K8
R.Ex.Comp. David G. Walker	P.O. Box 99, Midland, ON L4R 4K6

ELECTED (1998)

R.Ex.Comp. David W. Laskey	95 Nichole Crescent, Kitchener ON N2E 2Z5
R.Ex.Comp. Richard J. Jackson	R.R. No. 8, St. Thomas ON N5P 3T3
R.Ex.Comp. M. John Moor	280 Turnston Court, Orleans ON K1E 2V2
R.Ex.Comp. D Kenneth Bromley	111 Shady Lane Crescent, Bowmanville ON L1C 5B1
R.Ex.Comp. C. Gordon Sinclair	610-28 Helene Street North, Mississauga ON L5G 3B7

APPOINTED (1997)

R.Ex.Comp. E. Roy Harrison	26 Grandview Avenue, Thornhill, ON L3T 1G8
V.Ex.Comp. Shayne H. Eldridge	16 Meadowview Road, London, ON N6J 4E6

APPOINTED (1998)

V.Ex.Comp. William H. Collinson	51 Nevin Ave, Peterborough ON K9J 6E7
V.Ex.Comp. John R. Pattison	158 Upper Canada Drive, Kitchener ON N2P 1E5

ASSISTANT OFFICERS - APPOINTED

V.Ex.Comp. Peter Barrow	Assistant Grand Chaplain 38 Edith Street, Georgetown ON L7G 3B1
R.Ex.Comp. James W. Reid	Grand Lecturer 148 Oneida Boulevard, Ancaster ON L9G 3C9
V.Ex.Comp. T. John (Jack) Arthur	Grand Senior Sojourner 36 Elliottwood Court, North York ON M2L 2P9
V.Ex.Comp. Frederick W. Bright	Grand Junior Sojourner 386 Avery Drive, Espanola ON P5E 1C8
V.Ex.Comp. Gerald H. Kerr	Grand Sword Bearer 26 Terrace Avenue, Willowdale ON M2R 1E9

V.Ex.Comp. Ronald Cunningham	Grand Master of 4th Veil 1910 Moores Lane, Brights Grove, ON N0N 1C0
V.Ex.Comp. Peter Waller	Grand Master of 3rd Veil 330 Marlborough Street, Brantford ON N3S 4T7
V.Ex.Comp. Edward F. Walters	Grand Master of 2nd Veil 1068 Dalewood Ave, Burlington ON L7T 2K9
V.Ex.Comp. Wilbur B. Tofflemire	Grand Master of 1st Veil 61 Remark Drive, Kingsville ON N9Y 3Y6
V.Ex.Comp. Bruce Auchterlonie	Grand Standard Bearer 300 Minnesota Street, Collingwood ON L9Y 3S5
V.Ex.Comp. John H. Hough	Grand Director of Ceremonies 835 Cedarbrae Avenue, Milton ON L9T 3W9
V.Ex.Comp. Victor C. Williams	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies 3665 Flamewood Drive #5, Mississauga ON L4Y 3P5
V.Ex.Comp. W. D. James Weir	Grand Organist 57 Barron Street, Welland ON L3C 2K4
V.Ex.Comp. Donald A. Emerson	Grand Pursuivant 756 Botany Hill Road, Newmarket ON L3Y 3A8
V.Ex.Comp. William P. Lynd	Grand Steward 3637 Wolfe Court, Windsor ON N9C 1X3
V.Ex.Comp. Douglas R. Banks	Grand Steward 546 Leyton Crescent, London ON N6G 1T3
V.Ex.Comp. Terence J. MacDonald	Grand Steward R.R. 3, 515406 11 th Line, Woodstock ON N4S 3R2
V.Ex.Comp. David L. Christie	Grand Steward 131 14 th Street, Hanover ON N4N 1Z6
V.Ex.Comp. William G. Mercer	Grand Steward 54 Fonthill Road, Hamilton ON L9C 6A2
V.Ex.Comp. Robert G. Bidgood	Grand Steward 506 Scott Street, Kincardine ON N2Z 1V5
V.Ex.Comp. Norman A. Ring	Grand Steward 4474 Nancy Drive, Niagara Falls ON L2E 5L2
V.Ex.Comp. James M. Brown	Grand Steward 2146 Major Mac Kenzie Drive, Maple ON L6A 1R7
V. Ex.Comp. Edwin R. Carr	Grand Steward 3507 Palgrave Road, Mississauga ON L5B 1W1
V.Ex.Comp. Francis W. Lawson	Grand Steward 7-15 Laird Drive, Parry Sound ON L2A 1P7
V.Ex.Comp. David C. Parrott	Grand Steward 47 Weldon Court, Lindsay ON K9V 4N9
V.Ex.Comp. Ross M. MacDonald	Grand Steward 202-350 Front Street, Belleville ON K8N 5M5
V.Ex.Comp. David W. Holton	Grand Steward 760 Aylmer Crescent, Kingston ON K7M 6E6
V.Ex.Comp. Harold F. Butt	Grand Steward 268 Allbirtch Road, R.R. 1, Woodlawn ON K0A 3M0
V.Ex.Comp. Jerry J. Ossachuk	Grand Steward P.O. Box 716, Kenora ON P9N 3X6

V.Ex.Comp. Ted G. Hargrave	Grand Steward
	101 Davis Ave, Site I, Box B-4 Callendar ON P0H 1H0
V.Ex.Comp. Alexander Cree	Grand Steward
	15 Billington Crescent, Hamilton ON L8T 4P9
V.Ex.Comp. James H. Chambers	Grand Steward
	12 Thorncliffe Drive, Belleville ON K9P 4L4
V.Ex.Comp. Gerald Robertson	Grand Steward
	345 Pearl Street West, Brockville ON K6V 4E4
V.Ex.Comp. Arthur Gosling	Grand Steward
	P.O. Box 159, 146 Cavanaugh Drive, Carp ON K0A 1L0
V.Ex.Comp. William K Bogie	Grand Outer Guard
	RR 4, Goderich ON N7A 3Y1
R.Ex.Comp. William Stanfield	Grand Historian
	233 East 43 rd Street, Hamilton ON L8T 3C4
V.Ex.Comp. R Glen Harvey	Grand Archivist
	7 Cheapside Road, R. R. No. 2, Nanticoke, ON N0A 1L0

PAST RANK

Moved by M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett, seconded by M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe that Past Rank be granted to the Grand Chapter Officers of 1997. CARRIED.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Most Excellent Companion Harry D. Turner

Most Excellent Companion R. Frank Russell, Most Worshipful Brother William T. Anderson, distinguished members and visitors in the East, my Companions all. This being my first opportunity to address you as the Grand First Principal I would like to say how pleased I am that there are so many Companions in attendance to share this very important day in my Masonic career. I have received many kind remarks and offers of support while travelling throughout our jurisdiction. Your Grand Council members will need all the support you have pledged if we are to achieve our goals while we advance Capitular Masonry in your Districts.

My grateful thanks to the members of King Cyrus Chapter No. 232, and the memory of those members who have passed to the Grand Chapter Above. I remember specifically Excellent Companion Charles Hill and Very Excellent Companion William 'Bill' Edwards for the encouragement and support given so freely and so enthusiastically to me as I participated in the work of our Grand Chapter. There is a saying that 'time flies when you're having fun'.

Well, I sure must have had a great deal of fun during the past four years because today they seem like a moment's blur. It is a very solemn and humbling experience to approach the Altar and take the Obligation of a Grand First Principal and then be Installed in the highest office in our Fraternity of Capitular Masonry.

I now stand before you with gratitude and humility as the newly Installed Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter and I am well aware of the challenges and responsibilities connected with the office.

I would express my thanks to Most Excellent Companion Edward W. Elcombe for accepting the responsibility to assemble the Installing Board, to the members of The Board who took part and to those who were prepared to take part, if called on, and who patiently sat and observed the ceremony with us. I'm sure each of our Past Grand First Principals experienced fond, nostalgic memories as they watched me stand and kneel where they once stood and knelt prior to their own Installation Ceremony. My sincere thanks for your attendance and participation.

Before I go further Companions, there are three people in my life whom I would like to mention. First, my wife of forty-four years, Geraldine. She has supported me over the years, while we worked, while raising a family and with my Masonic ambitions. During the past four years, she has accompanied me on some of my travels to the various Chapter functions, and when it has been one of those trips with 'the boys', she's been there to say 'hi' when I arrive back home. Second, my mother, who passed away a few years ago. For a period of time she was a widow with five rowdy school-age children to look after. She was always supportive of her children during her lifetime but one of the things that really made her proud was when her three sons became members of a Masonic Lodge. Two of us here in Ontario and one in British Columbia, which she never tired of talking about. The third person is Right Excellent Companion James Lloyd Mellor. Lloyd and I go back almost twenty-five years with our respective Craft Lodges in Toronto District 3. When I completed my year as a Worshipful Master I applied for membership in King Cyrus Chapter No. 232 and I again met up with James Lloyd Mellor. Over the years since then, I don't know whether Lloyd had a dream, a vision or a nightmare, but he seemed to like what he saw in Excellent Companion Turner and began talking to me about Grand Chapter. I listened to his wise council and through his guidance, his expertise and knowledge I became interested in the activities of Grand Chapter. He supported me further by signing my nomination papers for each elective office that I stood for, and I am so pleased that he is here today to take part in the Investiture of my regalia, assisted by my younger brother, Excellent Companion George Fisher, during the Installation ceremony.

To our new Immediate Past Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion R. Frank Russell, my sincere congratulations on successfully completing your two year term as our Presiding Officer. We have enjoyed many hours, and travelled many miles together as we shared our time in the various Chapters while at labour, followed by the culinary exploits of ever so many banquet tables.

Our best wishes to you and to Marion, and may the Most High keep you both in continued good health. To our Grand Master, to the Presiding Officers of our Concordant Masonic bodies and to our Distinguished guests, my sincere thanks to you for taking time out of your schedules to travel to Hamilton and join with us in this our One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Grand Convocation. My congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers of this Grand Chapter and to the recipients of the Distinguished Service Award. The members of this Grand Council look forward to you joining with us, whenever and wherever possible, as we travel around this beautiful Province of Ontario to visit a Chapter in our jurisdiction.

To those Companions who were nominated for elective or appointed office and were not successful in achieving your goal, I thank you for your interest in our Grand Chapter, and share with you your disappointment. But, at the same time, although disappointed for the moment, I would ask that you not be discouraged, continue to offer your services to our Grand Chapter and look forward to future elective or appointed opportunities.

To our newly Installed Grand Superintendents, you have offered your services to take on the responsibility as the District representative of the Grand First Principal. I enjoin you to perform that duty for the general benefit of the Companions in your respective Districts, and more specifically for the betterment of our Grand Chapter. I would charge you, during your travels, to try and identify an Excellent Companion you deem worthy of being nominated for an Appointed Grand Chapter Office, or a Companion who may be considered to receive the Distinguished Service Award. Should such a Companion come to your attention, mention it to the First Principal of the Chapter so that the members of the Chapter may consider their options whether or not to submit a nomination application to the office of our Grand Chapter. Good luck to each of you as you embark on your duties for the ensuing twelve months.

For a job well done, our congratulations to Right Excellent Companion Robert Norsworthy, his Committee Chairmen, the Committee Members and their ladies for the excellent manner and decorum maintained for our benefit in preparing this Grand Convocation. Many of us are well aware that such an event does not just happen. Many hours are spent, by willing volunteers, at meetings for the planning, the preparation and presentation of a smoothly run operation for the comfort of our delegates and their ladies. Right Excellent Companion Norsworthy I ask that you convey our congratulations to your Committee members, and to the Companions of Hamilton District No. 5. Their hard work and dedication has been well worth the effort.

Companions, I would bring to your attention two words: COMMUNICATION and CONVERSATION. The word 'communication' means the act of transmitting; a giving or exchanging of information, signals or messages as by talk, gestures or writing; the art of expressing ideas. The word 'conversation' is described as the act of talking together; a familiar talk or verbal exchange of ideas, or opinions; an informal conference on a problem or area of interest.

For the past number of years our Masonic Order has been experiencing a steady decline in membership. Many ideas have been suggested on just how to curtail this reduction of our numbers, and it is imperative that we continue to address this issue.

Taking our lead from the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario all the concordant Masonic bodies must COMMUNICATE and work together in addressing this problem. Remember your roots, every one of us hold membership in a Craft Lodge. I encourage each of you to continue to support your Lodge, COMMUNICATE with the Brethren, discuss in open CONVERSATION the opportunity for a Brother to expand his Masonic education, and share with him the information in our brochure 'Curious About The Holy Royal Arch?'.

During a recent Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge they recorded a membership of well over Seventy Thousand Brethren. Last year our membership totalled Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Companions. A number of our Companions enjoy membership in both the Scottish Rite and the York Rite, but then there are approximately Fifty-nine Thousand Craft Lodge Brethren who have not experienced the enjoyment of joining with you in Advancing into Capitular Masonry.

It would appear some of us have not been using our COMMUNICATIONS skills successfully. Our CONVERSATIONS with our Lodge Brethren have not been overly productive in realizing the Advancement of new companions into our Chapters. I'm sure each Companion at this Convocation enjoys his role as a member of a Chapter. I would therefore encourage you to share that feeling with your Lodge Brethren and join with us in COMMUNICATING the word on our Capitular Masonry. To the sponsors of the Two Hundred and Seventy-five candidates Advanced during the past twelve months we express our thanks for your efforts and ask that you keep up the good work.

Companions, all of our Chapters are blessed with talented and dedicated members who have many years of Masonic knowledge and experience. We must take advantage of that experience by calling on them to teach the newer members and the junior officers of our Chapters the accepted mode of presenting our ritual while at labour on the floor of our Lodges and Chapters, for the benefit of our candidates. The assigning and acceptance of the lectures should be a labour of love. Remember our teachings ... 'if these meetings are blended with social mirth, and a mutual interchange of fraternal feelings, then Freemasonry will be shown in its true light, as an institution which fosters and improves the best affections of our nature,'... Let each of us here today pledge ourselves when CONVERSING with our Brethren to COMMUNICATE a positive message on Capitular Masonry.

With the beginning of a new year in our Grand Chapter, and with the new slate of elected and appointed officers I have also made a few changes to our committees. To the Chairmen and members of the various committees, I thank you for your participation in accepting your assignments. We look forward to receiving the reports on your achievements as you apply your respective talents for the benefit of our Grand Chapter programmes.

My congratulations to Right Excellent Companion John W. McGill, Grand Second Principal, and to Right Excellent Companion M. Sheldon Boomhour, our newly installed Grand Third Principal. I look forward to our working together during the ensuing twenty-four months as we apply ourselves to the various assignments and visitations throughout our jurisdiction.

To our esteemed Past Grand First Principals, I congratulate you for your efforts in forming part of the history of our Grand Chapter. This Grand Council, and especially your Grand First Principal, look forward to your guidance, participation and suggestions as we will labour together for the positive future of our Grand Chapter.

Companions, during the next twenty-four months your Grand Council members will be in attendance, visiting your chapters and social affairs and enjoying your hospitality. To avoid a conflict of dates Right Excellent Companion Melvyn J. Duke has a twenty-four month calendar in his office.

It will be my responsibility to keep him apprised of my Masonic duties to our Chapters and in any of the Concordant Bodies that I will be attending. If it is the wish of the members of a Chapter or District to invite the Grand First Principal to attend an assembly or a social function, please, I would encourage you to check with our Grand Chapter office to ensure there will not be a conflict of dates. Whenever, or wherever possible, I would invite the Companions to join with me during my sojourn throughout the Province. I will enjoy the pleasure of your company. Should you see me standing around the ante room of your Chapter, be sure to come up and introduce yourself and say hello.

Once again, I thank all of you for your presence here today, for your support and your kind words which affords me the opportunity of serving you as the Grand First Principal. May the Great Jehovah keep us all in good health and prosperity in the days ahead. Thank you

BIOGRAPHY

Harry Douglas Turner

Personal:

Born - Toronto, Ontario, December 14th, 1933

Oldest of five (5) children

Educated in the Toronto Board of Education Public and Secondary Schools

Married to Geraldine Ruth McCarthy, June 12th, 1954

Three (3) children, Harry Jr., Ruth Ann and Thomas Gerald

Ten (10) Grandchildren

Business:

Employed in aircraft assembly, A. V. Roe, Malton, Ontario 1952

Enrolled with the Toronto City Police Force, February 28, 1955

Retired May 1, 1992

Masonic Symbolic:

1966 Initiated, Passed and Raised, The Beaches Lodge No. 473, Toronto District No. 3

1976 Member, Toronto Districts Past Masters' Association

1978 Worshipful Master, The Beaches Lodge No. 473, Toronto

1992 Affiliated Life Member, Ivy Lodge No. 115, Niagara 'A' District, Beamsville

1994 Member, Niagara District "A" D.D.G.M.'s Team and appointed Chairman of the District's Masonic Foundation Committee

Capitular Masonry:

1979 Exalted, King Cyrus Chapter No. 232, Toronto District 8A

1984 Life Member, King Cyrus Chapter No. 232, Toronto

1985 First Principal, King Cyrus Chapter No. 232, Toronto

1985 Member, Toronto Districts 8 & 8A Principals' Association

1988 Elected, Grand Principal Sojourner

1989 Appointed, Grand Executive Committee - 1 Year

1990 Appointed, Grand Executive Committee - 2 Years

1992 Elected, Grand Executive Committee - 2 Years

1992 Affiliated Life Member, Mount Moriah Chapter No. 19, Niagara District No. 7

- 1992 Member, Niagara District No. 7 Principals' Association
- 1993 Elected President, Toronto Districts 8 & 8A Principals' Association
- 1994 Appointed Life Member, Toronto Districts 8 & 8A Principals' Association
- 1994 Elected, Grand Third Principal
- 1995 Appointed, Grand Representative, Grand Chapter of West Virginia
- 1996 Elected, Grand Second Principal
- 1998 Elected Grand First Principal

Knights Templar:

- 1980 Member, Cyrene Preceptory No. 29, Toronto
- 1983 Life Member, Cyrene Preceptory No. 29, Toronto
- 1994 Affiliated Member, St. Bernard de Clairvieux Preceptory No. 19, Port Colborne
- 1995 Constable, St. Bernard de Clairvieux Preceptory No. 19
- 1996 Elected Presiding Preceptor, St. Bernard de Clairvieux Preceptory No. 19

Shrine:

- 1981 Member, Rameses Temple, Toronto
- 1983 Member, Rameses Arab Patrol Unit
- 1984 Member, Shrine Patrol Association of North America

Cryptic Rite Royal and Select Masters:

- 1987 Honoured, Chosen, and Greeted, Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville
- 1988 Elevated, Etobicoke Lodge No. 17, Royal Ark Mariners
- 1989 Life Member, Keystone Council No. 20 and Etobicoke Lodge No. 17
- 1995 Thrice Illustrious Master, Keystone Council No. 20, Royal & Select Masters
- 1995 Worshipful Commander Noah, Etobicoke Lodge No. 17, Royal Ark Mariners
- 1996 Appointed, Grand Outer Guard Royal and Select Masters
- 1996 Honourary Member, Pyramid Council No. 7, Niagara Falls
- 1997 Appointed Grand Inspector General, District 'C'

Order of High Priesthood:

- 1987 Member, Order of High Priesthood, Peterborough
- 1990 Charter Life Member, Unity Council No. 4 Midland

York Rite College:

- 1988 Member, Athelstan York Rite College No. 41, Toronto
- 1992 Life Member, Athelstan York Rite College No. 41, Toronto
- 1996 Preceptor, Athelstan York Rite College No 41, Toronto
- 1997 Charter Member & elected Deputy Governor, Seymour York Rite College UD, St. Catharines

Allied Masonic Degrees:

- 1989 Member, Scarboro Council No. 175
- 1991 Sovereign Master, Scarboro Council No. 175
- 1995 Appointed Member, Grand Executive Committee
- 1995 Member, Order of the Secret Monitor Toronto Conclave No. 3



Most Excellent Companion Harry Douglas Turner

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests:

- 1990 Life Member, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests York Tabernacle No. 93
1996 Elected High Priest, York Tabernacle No. 93

Red Cross of Constantine:

- 1990 Member, Holy Land Conclave No. 3, Toronto
1996 Second Aide, Holy Land Conclave No. 3
1998 Invested Prefect in Holy Land Conclave No. 3

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite:

- 1992 Toronto Lodge of Perfection 14°
1993 Toronto Chapter of Rose Croix 18°
1993 Moore Sovereign Consistory 32°, Hamilton

Sundry:**Allied Masonic Degrees:**

- Council of Honour, Man At Arms, Life Member
Council of Honour, Esquire, Life Member
Member, Knights of the Red Branch of Erie
Member, Ye Order of Corks Masonic Order of the Bath
Member, Grand Tylers of Solomon Council No. 212, St. Thomas

Shrine:

- Life Member, Mandarin Degree
Life Member, Hogtowners Clan No. 46, Grand and Glorious Order of the Hillbilly Degree
Member, Shrine Patrol Association of North America

Tall Cedars of Lebanon:

- 1988 Member, Garden City Forest No. 173, Milton
1991 Grand Tall Cedar, Garden City Forest No. 173, Milton

MOTION

Moved by R.Ex.Comp John W McGill, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour that M.Ex.Comp. Albert A Mortlock be elected to the Distinguished Service Award Committee for a three year period ending in the year 2001. CARRIED.

THANKS

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Seconded by R.Ex.Comp. that the thanks of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario be extended to the following collectively:

- the Credentials Committee for the efficient manner in which they discharged their duties.
 - the Scrutineers for their service in taking charge of the election of the Officers
 - the 1998 Convocation General Chairman and his committees and subcommittees for their most successful efforts and achievements.
 - to the Hotel staff for their great efforts which helped to make this such a fine Convocation.
- CARRIED.

CLOSING

The business of the 140th Convocation being completed, Grand Chapter was closed at 11:30 p.m. in ample form.

Melvyn J Duke
Grand Scribe Ezra

FUTURE CONVOCATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER

1999 - APRIL 15TH, 16TH & 17TH

NIAGARA FALLS SHERATON FALLSVIEW

**2000 - APRIL 13TH, 14TH & 15TH
FOUR POINTS HOTEL, KITCHENER**

**2001 - OTTAWA
STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER**

GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, President, Grand Second Principal

(By Virtue of Office) R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour, Vice President, M.Ex.Comps. Harry D Turner, Charles W Emmett, William S Thomson, Aube L Weisman, Gordon H Stuart, Edward W Elcombe, Albert A Mortlock, Leslie Levitt, Donald F Kline, G Robert Jackson, Alan F Walker, R Frank Russell, R.Ex.Comps. James T Saunders, Gordon C Albas, Clifford L Sly, Donald Kaufman, T Roy Binns, Ian Keuls, Gregory Faraday, John D Ross, Donald G Kelly, Stuart D Crockatt, Francis E Guy, Eugene LeGier, Stanley K Hall, George F Graves, Richard R Berday, Grant B Parsons, Victor R Praskey, Ian D Nichols, John E Oldham, Melvyn J Duke, William H Douglas, Eugene F de Beaupre, R William Glover

(Honorary) R.Ex.Comps. Lloyd B Gillespie, Hugh M Dunlop, J Lloyd Mellor, Norman D McComb, B Donald Lamont

(Elected) William Klapatiuk, George H Gifford, Brian R Simpson, David A Rogers, David G Walker, David W Laskey, Richard J Jackson, M John Moor, D Kenneth Bromley, C Gordon Sinclair

(Appointed) E Roy Harrison, Shayne H Eldridge, William H Collinson, John R Pattison

CONSTITUTION, LAWS & JURISPRUDENCE - Chairman V.Ex.Comp. Norman E Byrne, Committee members - R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, V.Ex.Comp. John V Lawer

CONSTITUTION REVIEW - Chairman - R.Ex.Comp. Walter Bulbeck, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker, R.Ex.Comps. James W Reid, Guenther Gahs, David G Walker, V.Ex.Comps. Shayne H Eldridge, William H Collinson

FRATERNAL DEAD - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Ian David Nichols, Committee member - V.Ex.Comp. Peter Barrow

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. B Donald Lamont, Committee member - R.Ex.Comp. Brian R Simpson

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS - Chairman V.Ex.Comp. John V Lawer, Committee member - M.Ex.Comp. Albert A Mortlock

ARCHIVES - Chairman V.Ex.Comp. R Glen Harvey, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. William Stanfield, Melvyn J Duke, Ex.Comp. Dennis Hill, Comp. Gregory Flis

HISTORY - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. William Stanfield, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. Norman McComb, Donald J Gent

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - Chairman M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt, Committee members - M.Ex.Comps. Donald F Kline, Albert A Mortlock

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS - Chairman M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell, assisted by Past Grand First Principals

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FINANCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe, R.Ex.Comps. John E Oldham, Melvyn J Duke, J Lloyd Mellor, V.Ex.Comp. Robert S Wylie, Ex.Comp. Shavak Madon

BENEVOLENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth L Whiting, Committee members - M.Ex.Comps. Charles W Emmett, Aube L Weisman, R.Ex.Comps. William Stanfield, C Gordon Sinclair

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour, Grand Third Principal, Committee members - 17 Grand Superintendents, R.Ex.Comps. Gordon E Cross, Richard J Jackson, Donald A King, E Roy Harrison

BURSARY FUND - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. David Laskey, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. G Robert Jackson, R.Ex.Comps. Michel Sastre, George W Chambers, V.Ex.Comps. Fred Lewis, Denis Langridge, Robert S Wylie

INVESTMENTS - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. J Lloyd Mellor, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. William S Thomson, R.Ex.Comps. Harold G Hubbell, John E Oldham, Ex.Comps. Shavak Madon, Beverley Alexander

MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND - RELEASE A MIRACLE - Chairman V.Ex.Comp. Peter Cameron, Vice-chairman R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth Green, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart, R.Ex.Comps. George H Gifford, William Klapatiuk, H Ovas Wagg, V.Ex.Comp. Robert Temperton

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. M John Moor, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett, NORTH - R.Ex.Comps. Norman McComb, Angus G Fudge, Alan M Tibbetts, CENTRAL - R.Ex.Comps. John Lyall, William G Birnie, Eugene de Beupre, William Glover V.Ex.Comps. Leslie O Dawley, EAST - R.Ex.Comps. Donald B Smallman, Malcolm Watling, Roland A Paddle, WEST - R.Ex.Comps. John W (Jack) Murphy, William Arnold, V.Ex.Comps. Shayne H Eldridge, James M Napier, R.Ex.Comp. Bruce Miller (Editor-Keystone)

AD HOC COMMITTEES

AMALGAMATIONS - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline, R.Ex.Comps. Bruce Miller, Michel Sastre, J Max Laushway, Bryan F Bouck

ASSISTANCE TO CHAPTERS - Chairman V.Ex.Comp. Shayne H Eldridge, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Albert A Mortlock, R.Ex.Comps. Donald Gillis, Melvyn J Duke, Richard J Jackson

1999 CONVOCATION COMMITTEE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. David Laskey, Vice-chairman R.Ex.Comp. Bruce Miller, Committee member - M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell (with power to add)

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. David A Rogers, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. C Gordon Sinclair, Brian R Simpson, Richard W Stevenson

LEGAL - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Frank L Wilson, Committee member - R.Ex.Comp. George F Inrig

LONG RANGE PLANNING - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. T Bilardino Segui, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline, R.Ex.Comps. C Gordon Sinclair, Donald Winkworth, David G Walker, John E Oldham

ROYAL ARCH CHARITIES - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Bruce Miller, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt, R.Ex.Comps. J Kenneth Lowery, Kenneth L Whiting,, David Laskey, Donald J Gent, V.Ex.Comp. Alexander Cree, Peter C Cameron, John R Pattison

SCRIBES EZRA ADVISORY- Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. Gordon E Cross, Ronald McClung, George H Gifford, Melvyn J Duke

FORMS RETENTION & PRINTING - Chairman V.Ex.Comp. R Glen Harvey, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. C Gordon Sinclair, Melvyn J Duke

FUTURE GRAND CONVOCATIONS - Chairman M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett, Committee members - M.Ex.Comps. Edward W Elcombe, Albert A Mortlock, V.Ex.Comp. Norman E Byrne, R.Ex.Comps. David G Walker, Walter Bulbeck, Melvyn J Duke

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY - Chairman M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe, Committee members - M.Ex.Comps. Charles W Emmett, Albert A Mortlock

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO 1857 TO 1998

*William Mercer Wilson	1857	*Charles William Haentschel . .	1932-33
*Thompson Wilson	1858	*Alexander Cowan	1934
*Thomas Douglas Harrington .	1858-60	*George Lawrence Gardiner . .	1935-36
*John Charles Franck	1861-62	*William Young Mills	1937-38
*Thomas Douglas Harrington .	1863-71	*Llewellyn Fred Stephens	1939-40
*Samual Bickerton Harmon	1872	*John Morgan Empy	1941-42
*Charles Davis MacDonnell	1873	*John MacDonald Burden	1943-44
*James Seymour	1874	*Reginald Van Every Conover	1945-46
*Lawrence H. Henderson	1875-76	*Frederick William Dean	1947-48
*Frederick Joseph Menet	1877-78	*Clarence McLeod Pitts	1949-50
*Daniel Spry	1879-80	*Alexander Geo. Noel Bradshaw	1951-52
*Donald Ross	1881-82	*John Alex. MacDonald Taylor	1953-54
*Henry MacPherson	1883-84	*John Loftus House	1955-56
*Thomas Sargant	1885-86	*Maurice Arthur Searle	1957-58
*Robert Hendry Jr	1887	*Bruce Harrison Smith	1959-60
*Richard Beecher Hungerford .	1888-89	Charles William Emmett	1961-62
*John James Mason	1890-91	*Fraser Earl Jeffrey Hay.	1963-64
*John Elly Harding	1892-93	*James Elwood Girven	1965-66
*John Ross Robertson	1894-95	*Stanley Portch	1967-68
*Michael Walsh	1896-98	*George Harold Shannon	1969
*William Gilzean Reid	1899-1900	*Frederick Wm. Davis Welham	1970-71
*William Gibson	1901-02	*Leo John Gent	1972-73
*Abraham Shaw	1903-04	William Simpson Thomson . . .	1974-75
*William Roaf.	1905-06	*William Harold Sproule	1976-77
*John Leslie	1907-08	Aube L. Weisman	1978-79
*George Moore	1909-10	*Frederick Scott	1980-81
*Frederick Weir Harcourt	1911-12	Gordon H. Stuart	1982-83
*Daniel Frazer MacWatt	1913-14	Edward W. Elcombe	1984-85
*William S.R. Murch	1915-16	Albert A. Mortlock	1986-87
*Arthur Stirling Gorrell	1917-18	Leslie Levitt	1988-89
*William Nisbet Ponton	1919-20	Donald F. Kline	1990-91
*Herbert Spohn Griffin	1921	G. Robert Jackson	1992-93
*Richard Henry Spencer	1922-23	Alan F. Walker	1994-95
*Walter Hamill Davis	1924-25	R. Frank Russell	1996-97
*Kenneth Jewell Dunstan	1926-27	Harry D. Turner	1998-
*Edwin Smith	1928-29	*Deceased	
*Walter Garnet Price	1930-31		

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1961-62 Charles W Emmett	27 Colwood Drive Islington ON M9A 4E5
1974-75 William S Thomson	1329 Cumnock Crescent Oakville ON L6J 2N6
1978-79 Aube L Weisman	2045 Lakeshore Blvd. Suite 4301 Toronto ON M8V 2Z6
1982-83 Gordon H Stuart	506 Comanche Road Mississauga ON L5H 1W2
1984-85 Edward W Elcombe	65 Cuffley Crescent North Downsview ON M3K 1Y1
1986-87 Albert A Mortlock	748 Hopkins Avenue Peterborough ON K9J 4Y5
1988-89 Leslie Levitt	7 Hillcrest Court Hamilton ON L8P 2X7
1990-91 Donald F Kline	889 Hollowtree Crescent Mississauga ON L4Y 2V3
1992-93 G Robert Jackson	8 Luton Crescent St. Thomas ON N5R 5K1
1994-95 Alan F Walker	2 Blackcombe Drive R. R. No. 2 Coldwater ON L0K 1E0
1996-97 R Frank Russell	12 Kingsview Boulevard Brampton ON L6Y 1C3

HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS AND OTHERS

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*Henry Robertson P.G.Z.	1888
*Kivas Tully, P.G.Z.	1891
*Hugh Murray, P.G.Z.	1903
*Harry Holgate Watson, P.G.Z.	1909
*Elias Talbot Malone, P.G.Z.	1919
*Augustus Toplady Freed, P.G.Z.	1920
*Sir John Morison Gibson, P.G.Z.	1922
*Roderick B. Dargavel, P.G.Z.	1923
*Melville S. Gooderham, P.G.Z.	1957
*The Rt.Hon. Earl of Galloway, Scotland, P.G.Z.	1958
*Sir George Boag, England, Past Grand Superintendent.	1958
*William H. Sweeting, Victoria, Australia, Past Grand Principal Sojourner.	1958
*Reginald J. Lewis, P.G.Z.	1964
The Rt.Hon. Earl of Elgin & Kincardine, P.G.Z.	1975
* Deceased	

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IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO 1857-1998

*Thomas Bird Harris	1857-73	*Frederick J. Johnson	1949-59
*Richard Porter Stephens	1874-75	*Maurice A. Searle	1960-61
*Daniel Spry	1876-77	*Robert J. Hamilton	1962-69
*David McLellan	1878-91	*Frederick C. Conley	1969-78
*Thomas Sargent	1892-98	*Robert Thornton Rigby	1978-88
*George J. Bennett	1899-1915	Edward W. Elcombe	1988-94
*Henry Thomas Smith	1916-28	Melvyn James Duke	1994-
*Edwin Smith	1929-49		
*Deceased			

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